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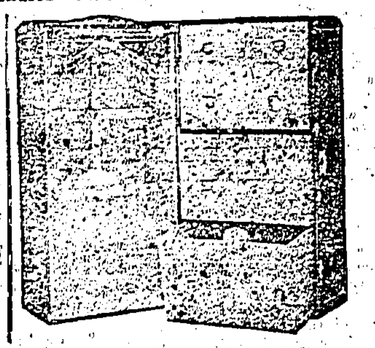
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

The Press Bureau issues a communique from Paris saying that the Labour Legislation Commission has agreed to the clauses in the British scheme laying down the qualifications for the Colonies' adhesion to the international labour convention. It also examined the case for a federal state. The international labour conference will be held in October next.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PRINCE OF WALES ENGAGED?

PARIS, February 18th.

A Havas message states:—

The Queen of Italy visited Paris about the same time as the Prince of Wales did, and stayed at the same hotel.

A marriage has been arranged between the English heir to the Crown and Princess Yolande.

ARMISTICE TERMS.

PARIS, February 18th.

A Havas message states:—

The naval clauses of the new armistice include the destruction of the fortifications of Heligoland, the Kiel Canal to be free to mercantile traffic, and the surrender of the German Fleet interned at Scapa Flow.

The surrendered German warships will, probably, be destroyed, as the idea of dividing them among the Allies has lapsed.

RUSSIAN PROBLEM.

PARIS, February 18th.

A Havas message states:—

The Council of Ten is still undecided how to bring about peace in Eastern Europe.

The Council of Ten also took up the question of what was to be done, in view of the failure of the proposed conference at Prinkipo. The scheme proposed by some Russians, now in Paris, is to raise a volunteer force to proceed to Russia, and put down the Red Forces. It is not likely that the Allies will allow this. On the other hand, the anti-Bolshevist Governments in Russia refuse to entertain the idea of negotiating with the Bolshevists, stating that to disarm would mean capitulation.

ZIONISM.

LONDON, February 27th.

The Press Bureau states:—

A *communique* from Paris says that the Ministers of the great Powers have decided to organise a Central Commission to inquire into territorial questions.

They afterwards heard the Zionist representatives.

36 LABOUR DISPUTES.

LONDON, February 27th.

The Press Bureau states:—

The Ministry of Labour states that thirty-six labour disputes are being referred for arbitration this week, including that of the boiler-makers, who claim a twenty per cent. advance in their wages. Disputes affecting the engineering and ship-building trades are also being referred to the Ministry of Labour for arbitration.

GERMANY'S DEBT.

PARIS, February 18th.

A Havas message states:—

The Allies' bill to Germany for financial reparation comes this week before the Peace Conference.

Economic life in France and Belgium is in a state of suspense, awaiting the Peace Conference's decision of the sum Germany must pay to make good the damage wrought.

REVIEWS.

The Books of Artemas.—W. Westall & Co., Ltd., London. 2s.

1. And it came to pass that when the world was at war, certain scribes had the itch, and of the making of books there was no end.

2. One scribe hit on the idea of telling his views, and peradventure of diddling the Censor, by imitating the style of the bible.

3. It is easy to do, and maketh slim matbrial look like unto that which is not slim, yet even so Artemas had some parables that were good and cheerful.

4. The first book went well, so he made him another. And for each it was that the buyer had to pay two pieces of silver.

"Just—Buster," by Lilian M. Bullock: London: W. Westall & Co., Ltd. 2s 6d.

This is a slight little story, told in letters from a very natural young lady to a confidant. This method of telling a story is very difficult, and when we say that Miss Bullock has managed to unfold at least three characters successfully, in this way, it is praise. The high-spirited, unconventional girl, with serious moments, reveals herself. Her irritable, respectable father is cleverly betrayed with a few deft touches. Agatha, the Vicar's daughter, is also mercilessly limned. For the rest, there is fun in the heroine's adventures, and a love interest.

OPIUM SMUGGLING.

There surely has never before been a more amusing case of opium smuggling into Shanghai than the recent one which one of the Customs Revenue steamers, organised for the purpose of the prevention of such contraband trade, should have been the vehicle whereby nearly two-and-a-half piculs of the forbidden drug was brought to the settlement. The matter is rendered yet more ludicrous when it is recalled that on that trip the Inspector-General of the Customs Service was travelling as a passenger and the impudence of the smugglers even transcends that of the famous thief, claimed by both Hongkong and Singapore, who stole the court clock from the wall while the court was sitting.

There is, however, a serious side to the matter in the treatment that is accorded merchant ships when found being used as the means of smuggling. It will be remembered that in the year just closed, at least two ships were fined in sums up to five hundred dollars because opium had been found on board, though it was not insinuated that the master or officers knew anything about it.

It is somewhat doubtful whether the Customs is legally empowered to inflict such a fine, but in any case, it is an outrageous perversion of justice that a shipmaster should be fined for an offence he knows nothing about and the commission of which he is powerless to prevent. The contention of the Customs appears to be that, as the opium has been found in the ship and he is in command of her, therefore the smuggling must have been committed with his knowledge and consent. This line of reasoning takes no cognisance of the fact that the vessel is manned by Chinese, of whose language the master and officers are totally ignorant, and that smuggling ventures may therefore be arranged under their very noses without their knowing that it is being done. Once the contraband is stowed away on board the ship, the chances of finding it are very slender, even with a knowledge of the locality where it is stowed. To search the whole ship with any chance of success is practically impossible. This has been proved time and again by the officials of the Customs themselves. Information has been received that opium was being smuggled in a certain part of a vessel which has been carefully searched without any trace of the drug being found. Yet it has been there, but so well concealed that, though the officers may have stood within a few inches of it, they could not locate it. A case in point occurred a few months ago when one of the Revenue Cruisers took a party of 19 searchers down to Kiutoun Lightvessel to intercept and search a ship that was known to be bringing in some opium in a defined part of her holds, but the officials searched all night and found nothing. Yet had they happened to light upon it, the vessel would have been fined because the master and officers had been unable, with no information at their disposal to unearth it.

Now comes the case of a Customs Revenue Cruiser itself being used for smuggling a huge consignment of contraband. Here we have a vessel lying at anchor in the various ports she visits with no cargo-boats alongside, working no cargo at night and visited only by sampans which have some legitimate business with the vessel. Nevertheless, the smugglers were able to bring on board some two-and-a-half piculs of opium and attempt to land it at Shanghai. Contrasted with the coast vessel, their difficulties were tremendous. In this case, the ship is surrounded during her whole stay in port by twenty to thirty lighters, pouring cargo through her hatches and sideports and coal through her bunker hatches day and night without cessation and to ensure that a small package of opium is not introduced amongst this confused mass passing in and out is a physical impossibility. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the lesson of the Revenue Cruiser has impressed itself upon the Customs and brought it to see the injustice of fining the ship for an offence over which those in charge could have had no control.—"Shipping & Engineering."

JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE.

Dr. Stanislaus de Lazevert, formerly a Colonel in the Russian Army, who confesses that he was one of five men who killed Gregory Rasputin, the Russian monk, has arrived in America. The other assailants, all of whom are now dead, were Grand Duke Dimitri Pavlowski; another Grand Duke, whom he declines to name; M. Touchotone, Captain of the Guard; and M. Pourischkevate. The shooting of Rasputin took place from Dr. de Lazevert's automobile, just outside the palace of the Grand Duke Pavlowski.

PENSION FUND FOR SEAMEN.

Mr. J. Bruce Ismay has given £25,000 to the Mercantile Marine Service Association.

The gift takes the form of £25,000 in War Loan Stock. It is given in trust to the Association to form a lasting memorial to the manner in which all ranks of our Mercantile Marine heroically, steadfastly, against amazing odds, in face of terrible loss of life, with voluntary endurance of unspeakable sufferings, carried on the sailings of the Mercantile Marine ships of this nation, and saved the Allied cause from defeat, and its peoples from starvation.

The primary object of the new fund is to make grants or pensions to "necessitous masters and seamen of all ranks, who have served at sea on British merchant vessels at any time during the great war," and it also makes equal provision for the widows and children of such seamen. Preference is to be given to applicants and dependents of masters and seamen who have sailed out of Liverpool, or in Liverpool-owned ships, or have had their homes in the port of Liverpool. The pension is not to exceed £50 per annum nor a grant to any one person to exceed £10.

Mr. Ismay has further provided that after ten years from the date of its foundation the funds may be used, so far as they permit, after satisfying the primary objects of the foundation," to assist aged and incapacitated British masters and seamen of all ranks who have served on British ships, and their widows and children.

This brief review of the main provisions of the gift definitely indicates its national character, and in view of the growing desire amongst all classes to pay a practical tribute to the Mercantile Marine, Mr. Ismay has opened a channel of real "thank-offering," whereby even the most humble citizen of this great Empire may mark his appreciation of the British grit which, without the aid of conscription, kept the seas open in face of great peril, and ensured us and our Allies that victory which has brought peace to our doors and shall end war.

It is desirable that we should again refer to the motives which have prompted the Mercantile Marine Service Association to establish this pension fund, and to the reasons which convince Mr. Bruce Ismay and others of its paramount fitness to do so.

If we deal with the second point first there is this outstanding fact:—For very many years the Mercantile Marine Service Association, which has its headquarters at Tower-building, Water-street, Liverpool, has been the principal medium in this country through which funds and institutions of a philanthropic nature for the benefit of seafarers and their families have been administered. It holds the profound confidence and trust and esteem of shipowners, officers, seamen alike. To that extent it may be regarded as a national institution.

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The honorary members of the Association include such well-known names as Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, Lord Inchcape, Mr. Bonar Law, and most of our leading shipowners. Its Executive Council comprises a body of the most esteemed British shipmasters. Its secretary, Mr. Thomas Scott, for nearly a quarter of a century has been intimately connected with the highly efficient and gratifying organising and administrative machinery of the various institutions and funds to which we have alluded, and which sufficiently set forth the national aspirations of the association. These, then, are the reasons which have justified Mr. Bruce Ismay and others in selecting the Association as the medium through which to carry out their good intentions.

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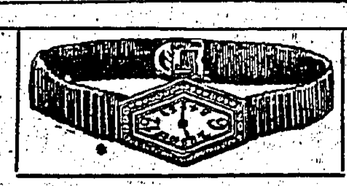
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NOTICE.

A MEETING of the General Committee of the War Charities will be held in the Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, on MONDAY, March 3rd, at 5.15 p.m.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government will preside.

The public is invited to attend.

BUSINESS:—To consider and if thought fit to arrange for the winding up of the War Charities Organisation.

A meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at the conclusion of the meeting of the General Committee.

By Order,
E. R. HALLIFAX,
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War Charities Committee.

Hongkong, Feb. 28, 1919.

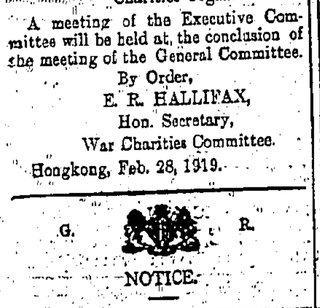
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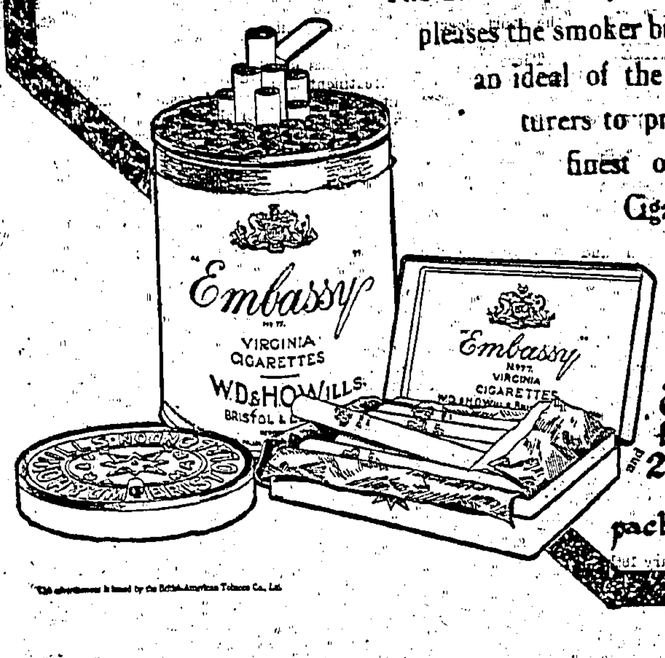
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ROMANCE.

There is at present, says a correspondent of the "North China Herald," residing in the lamasery of Kumbum a French lady who professes to be a Buddhist. Her arrival there caused a stir among the Lamas and for miles round the country talk was about this foreign lady who had come to win the Lamas back to a purer form of Buddhism. She reads and speaks Tibetan, having lived in some secluded village on the Indian borders for some years. She has with her a Tibetan Lama who can speak English. She has travelled in Burma, Siam, Japan and Korea. Her name is Neel.

E OPT.

An officer tells a good tale of a Cockney Tommy who in the last days of the war stood as sentry at the gate of a "cage." Under escort one of the last batches of Huns to surrender was brought there. Presently their officer, tall and truculent, came along, and, disliking to mix with the common herd of his own men, asked in good English, "Is there no separate accommodation for officers?" The little Tommy slowly looked him up and down with contempt, and then jerking his thumb over his shoulder said, "You 'op inside and think yourself —— lucky."

"EMPRESS" SKIPPER.

The "Empress of Asia" is under the command of Captain Arthur Wellesley Davison, who is a native of Nova Scotia, and served in sailing ships belonging to his uncle, whose firm was Messrs. E. Churchill and Sons, of Hantsport, N.S., right up to the time of obtaining his master's certificate. When he passed for master he joined the C.P.R. Co., now known as the C.P.O.S., in the year 1895, as a junior officer, and he has been with the company ever since. In 1905, Captain Davison was appointed to the command of the steamer "Tartar," engaged in the Vancouver, China and Japan service, in which he was regularly employed up to the outbreak of the war, when the "Empress of Asia" and "Empress of Russia" were requisitioned by the Government. He is a member of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild.

UNPUNISHED BEASTS.

In the current number of the "Review of Reviews," there is given a German Newgate Calendar, a list of the highest German Generals who by their crimes have qualified for trial before some Allied tribunal or other. Hindenburg, Mackensen, and Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria are amongst them. One of the meanest stole the American relief food stores. Another, when drunk, ordered the execution of 117 hostages whom he had in his power. After he was sober, when told about it, and the fact that the order had been executed, he merely laughed.

These things and others of like kind need to be kept in mind, otherwise we shall drift back to the old idea that the Hun is human. One wonders what the proportion of true Huns was in Germany, and how many were decent people like ourselves.

ARMY HORSES.

The problem of the disposal of Army horses was referred to in a speech by Sir William Birbeck, Director of Remounts, on Dec. 11. He said there were a quarter of a million horses with the British armies abroad. Britain had been denuded of seventeen per cent. of its working horses for the armies, while seven hundred thousand had been purchased in America. Regarding their disposal, Sir William Birkbeck stated that Belgium was being supplied with fifty thousand to assist reconstruction, while a large number would be wanted in France for similar work. It was intended to sell twenty-five thousand in England by the end of January. He remarked that the wastge of horses in the Army had been less than that experienced by commercial firms before the war.

YOUR EYES.

A good many persons are occasionally puzzled by the new name appearing on opticians' signboards, and are anxious to have an explanation of the status of optometry and the relative positions of the optometrist, the optician, and the oculist. "An oculist is one who has received a medical degree, and makes a speciality of the eye and its diseases." "An optician is one skilled in the manufacture of optical instruments," and an optometrist is one who "employs scientific instruments to estimate the refraction of the eyes, without the use of drugs, when no diseased condition exists, and by properly fitted glasses relieves eye strain." Eye strain is caused by astigmatism, hyperopia, myopia, and anomalies in the muscles of the eyes, defects that cannot be cured by medicine.

NEW BICYCLE TYRE.

A Swedish inventor, impelled by the impossibility of getting rubber in Sweden during the last two or three years, has furnished a substitute for the pneumatic tyres of bicycles. Like all good inventions, this is quite simple. Into the rim of the wheel you fasten a thin strip of hardened steel resting on springs, and the resiliency is said to be quite as agreeable as that of the pneumatic tube. Skidding is prevented by the sharp edges of the tyres; and, of course, there can be no punctures. Have we here the economic answer to the stiff prices now being charged for rubber, asks the "Chronicle."

"LITTLE BROWNS."

Old Etonians of many generations will regret to hear of the death of Miss Hoare, who under the name of Phœbe used to be the presiding spirit in the old "Little Brown's" at Eton College. In an impossibly small shop, says the "Eton College Chronicle," everlastingly crowded with clamouring customers, who demanded every variety of food, Phœbe coolly controlled the situation and managed to satisfy the wants of all. When the school stores committee bought the business, in 1904, she started a shop of her own, but retired five years afterwards, and had recently been living at Crowborough with her sister.

THE PRESIDENT'S UNIFORM.

By the Constitution of the United States the President is head of both the army and navy, and entitled therefore to wear uniform. On the strength of this an enterprising tailor had an etching made showing President Wilson in military attire. A copy of the etching, together with an offer to make a real uniform, was sent to the President, which drew from him a protest and an explanation. To put him into uniform would violate a very fundamental principle—namely, that the military power is subordinate to the civil. The framers of the Constitution realised that the President would seldom be a soldier, and their idea in making him the commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States was that the armed forces of the country must be the instruments of the authority by which policy was determined. It is for that reason that Americans can say that their organisation is in no sense and can in no sense be militaristic.

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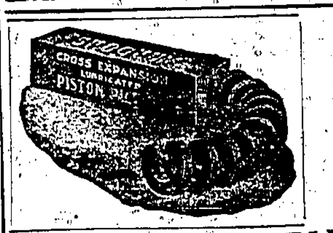
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ON

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A QUANTITY OF USEFUL HOUSEHOLD LINENS, DRAWN WORK, & EMBROIDERIES, Comprising :—

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HUGHES & HOUGH, *Auctioneers*

Hongkong, Feb. 28, 1919.

(For Account of the Concerned.)

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TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, BRASS AND BRASS-MOUNTED DOUBLE AND TWIN BEDSTEADS, CURTAINS, CARPETS &c., &c.,

Comprising :—

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Electric Reading Lamps, Blackwood and Teakwood Screens, a quantity of Blackwood Furniture, including 1 large Blackwood Screen, Blue and white Panels, and Blackwood Fire Screen, Side Tables, Chairs, Cabinets, Pictures, Several Carpets new and second-hand.

Also

Treadle Sewing Machine (nearly new), by Willcox & Gibbs with all accessories, 1 Piano in good condition and one large Ice Chest suitable for Hotel.

: (Full Particulars from Catalogue).

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Hongkong, Feb. 28, 1919.

G. R.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from H. M. VICTUALLING STORE OFFICER, to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

March 6, 1919, at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vœux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

A QUANTITY OF

Electro-plated Ware and Linen Goods,

Comprising :—

Table Napkins, Glass Cloths, Pillow Cases, Face Towels, Huckaback Towels, Bath Towels, Blankets, &c., &c., &c.

Terms :—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH, By Appointment Auctioneers to the Admiralty.

Hongkong, Feb. 25, 1919.

Ponies! Ponies! Ponies!

PUBLIC ROUP.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Roup on

WEDNESDAY,

March 5, 1919, at 3 p.m., at the Fountain, opposite the City Hall.

A large number of well-known RACE PONIES.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

HUGHES & HOUGH, *Auctioneers.*

Hongkong, Feb. 27, 1919.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED), on

THURSDAY,

March 6, 1919, at 11 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vœux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

Several lengths Blue Serge (good quality) to be sold without reserve.

And

A quantity of useful household furniture, &c., &c. removed to sale rooms for convenience of sale.

HUGHES & HOUGH, *Auctioneers.*

Hongkong, Feb. 28, 1919.

(For Account of the Concerned), on

SATURDAY,

March 8, 1919, at 12 o'clock Noon, at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vœux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

Nine Fox Terrier Puppies

(from three distinct litters).

Terms :—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Feb. 27, 1919.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED), on

SATURDAY,

March 8, 1919, at 12 noon, at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vœux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

One Wolf J-A-P 4 P. single cylinder Motor Cycle with side car and accessories in good running order.

On view now.

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Hongkong, February 28, 1919.

G. R.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS to sell by Public Auction,

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War Department Material,

As follows :—

250 Rails weight about 53 tons, SCRAP IRON comprising :— Angle, Round, Flat, Sheet Iron, &c, about 140 tons.

Date of Sale will be published later.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers to the Government.

Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1919.

FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vœux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,—

One complete set Engines and Boiler in good working order.

DESCRIPTION :

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Boiler, 12 x 10', working pressure 120 lbs. on Veritas survey.

To be sold in one lot, together with Engine Seat, Shafts and Propeller and all piping, &c., connected with the above mentioned Engines and Boiler.

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Anchors and Chains, Wooden Mast,

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At present stored at Kwong Tung Cheong's shipyard.

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NOTICE.

BANK OF CHINA.

HONGKONG.

UNDER instructions from Head Office, Peking, a branch of the above Bank has this day been established in Hongkong at No. 20 and 21 Connaught Road and the following officers have been appointed and authorised to sign on behalf of the Bank.

Mr. Tsuyes Pei Manager.
Mr. D. R. McEuen.....Sub-Manager.
Mr. Li Hsi Yin...Assistant Manager.

Hongkong, Feb. 25, 1919.

NATIONAL LOAN OF THE FOURTH-YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC (1915).

SUBSCRIBERS to the above loan are hereby notified that redemption of the bonds drawn at Peking on the 27th January last will begin on the 17th February, 1919.

Payment in cash of its equivalent will be made at the Bank of China and Bank of Communication or any of the branches of the above Banks and also at the Shanghai Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Any Bond of which the following are the two terminal numbers, namely: 01, 04, 14, 18, 22, 24, 37, 48, 56, 66, 69, 72, 78, 81, 98, is a drawn Bond.

F. A. AGLEN, Inspector General of Customs.

NATIONAL LOAN OF THE FOURTH YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC (1915).

IN connection with the first drawing of the above Loan holders of drawn Bonds are requested to note that Coupon No. 8 maturing on the 12th April, 1919, will be available for payment to the extent of TWO-THIRDS of its value any time on or after the 17th February, 1919. The remaining third of the value will be held to represent the unexpired period from date of redemption to date of maturity and no claim for interest will be admitted in respect thereto.

F. A. AGLEN, Inspector General of Customs.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

From SAN FRANCISCO, via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS and MANILA.

THE Steamship "SHINYO MARU,"

The above named steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bill of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on February 28, 1919, at 5 P.M. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown.

Storage charges will be assessed on all cargo remaining undelivered on March 5, 1919, at 5 p.m.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No claim will be recognised after the goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged cargo will be landed into the Company's Godown, where they will be examined on March 8, 1919, at 10 a.m.

No claim will be recognised if filed after March 10, 1919.

T. DAIGO, *Manager.*

Hongkong, Feb. 26, 1919.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

AND

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Co's Steamer

"AGAPENOR,"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after February 27.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, Chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays & Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown and all Goods remaining undelivered after March 5, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before March 19, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hongkong, Feb. 28, 1919.

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Hongkong, Jan. 22, 1919

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THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on TUESDAY, March 4, 1919, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending December 31, 1918, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, February 27, 1919, UNTIL TUESDAY, March 4, 1919, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1919.

THIRTY-ONE YEARS IN CHINA.

After thirty-one years' service in the Chinese Maritime Customs Commander C. T. Williams, of the Revenue str. "Liuhsing" retired, and left for Home on Feb. 17. His many friends in China will wish him bon voyage and hope that he will be spared for many years to enjoy his well-earned retirement.

Commander Williams is a native of Widdycombe in the Moor (Devon), of which his father, the Rev. J. Williams, was rector for 27 years. He was educated at Exeter School, and afterwards was for two years in the "Worcester" training ship. He then joined the Anderson, Anderson line, where he served his time, and in 1880 he entered the service of the P. and O. Company rising to the rank of Senior 2nd Officer. He left the P. and O. in 1887.

About this time the Chinese Maritime Customs brought out the Revenue stmr. Chuentiao, Kaipan and Likin from Newcastle, and Commander Williams came out as 2nd Officer and Navigator of the senior ship of the three (the Chuentiao)—arriving in Chinese Waters in May, 1888, after a two months' voyage. After six years' service he was given command of the Chuentiao and for some years served only in South China waters. He came to Shanghai in 1909, when he assumed command of the R.S. Lieuhsing.

During his career Commander Williams was the recipient of the Chinese Decoration of the Chia Ho.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of The HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD. will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., Pedder Street, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the seventh day of March, 1919, at 12 o'clock NOON when the subjoined resolutions will be proposed as Extraordinary Resolutions, that is to say :—

1. That the capital of the Company be increased from $3,000,000.00 to $4,000,000.00 by the creation of 20,000 new shares of $50.00 each such new shares to participate in any dividend declared after the 7th February, 1919, pro rata with the existing capital.

2. That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, viz. :—

(a) By the insertion of the words "without the sanction of the Directors" between the word "shall" and the word "except" in line 2 of Article 19.

(b) By the addition of the following words at the end of Article 19 :—

"Provided further that the registration of a transfer of shares whereby "the holding of any shareholder is increased beyond 1500 shares shall be "conclusive evidence that the sanction of the directors to such increased "holding has been given."

(c) By the insertion of the letter "(a)" after the figures "101" constituting the number of Article 101 and by the addition of the following paragraph to Article 101 :—

"Board may deal with reserve fund.

(b) The Board may employ the reserve fund for the time being or any portion thereof (and that whether such fund or such portion as is proposed to be dealt with was set aside for the special purpose to which it is proposed to be applied or for any other purpose or not), in or for all or any of the following purposes, that is to say, in meeting contingencies, in equalising dividends, in paying special dividends, or bonuses, in repairing, improving or maintaining any of the property of the Company or otherwise in the business of the Company and in or for such other purposes as the Board shall in its discretion think conducive to the interests of the Company and in regard to any such employment as aforesaid the Board shall not be bound to keep the reserve fund separate from the other assets.

(d) By the addition immediately after Article 101 of a new Article as follows :—

"101A. (1) The Company in General Meeting may in the year 1919 pass a "resolution to the effect that it is desirable to capitalise to the extent "provided for by this Article the sum of $1,000,000.00 being part of the "undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and accordingly that for the purpose of effecting "such capitalisation such sum of $1,000,000 be distributed as a bonus "amongst the persons who are registered as the holders of the issued "shares of the Company on such date as the Board shall decide in "proportion to the issued shares held by them on that date respectively, "and that the Board be authorised to distribute amongst such persons "as aforesaid one new unissued share for each complete number of three "issued shares held by them and that the Board be further authorised "to allot the surplus of unissued shares remaining after such allotment "to such persons at such times and on such terms and conditions as "they think fit."

(2) When such resolution has been passed the Board may allot and issue "the $1,000 unissued shares of the Company credited as fully paid up to "such persons as are referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article in "satisfaction of the said bonus to the extent of allotting one unissued "share for each complete number of three issued shares held by them "respectively, and prior to such allotment the Board may authorise any "person on behalf of such persons as aforesaid to enter into an "Agreement with the Company providing for the allotment to them of "such shares credited as fully paid up and in satisfaction as aforesaid "and in such proportion as aforesaid and any Agreement made under "such authority shall be effective.

(3) It shall be no objection to resolutions passed under paragraph (1) of this "Article that they are passed at the meeting at which the resolution "introducing this Article was confirmed as a Special Resolution, "provided that due notice of the intention to propose such first mentioned resolutions shall have been given prior to the confirmatory "meeting aforesaid."

Should the above resolution be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

By Order of the Board,

W. S. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 18, 1919.

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BIRTH.

ROSS.—On February 21, at Hankow, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Ross, of Ichang, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

SMITH—TERRY.—On February 20, at Shanghai, Featonby Stafford Smith, of the British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd., to Lucy Kathleen Terry.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, March 1, 1919.

IN THE AIR.

The story of the Tower of Babel is an old-fashioned story of human audacity, now somewhat out of date. Man has been more greatly daring since. Perhaps that is why he is still punished with a confusion of tongues. It is permissible to surmise what that old story-teller would have thought of the report of Lord Northcliffe's Committee on the future of civil aerial transport. It is not merely his probable dismay at the presumption of man in daring to fly that we think of. We have ceased to wonder ourselves at this and other audacities, and can hardly imagine how such things would have affected the men of old. It is the contention that we must retain sovereignty of the upper air spaces that flabbergasts us, and compels us to wonder what the Tower of Babel historian would have made of such a tall order. This Government Committee, of which Lord Northcliffe was chairman, has issued what is probably the first serious official report on such a matter ever printed. It mentions the International Conference held at Paris in 1910, which could not agree on a Draft mainly because the British and Germans were at variance as to the exercise of control and jurisdiction in the air over their respective territories. The Committee says: "This is a question on which it is possible to hold different opinions. It must, of course, be admitted that a State must assert some rights of sovereignty in the air space over its territories, since otherwise no legal control could be exercised over aircraft in flight at however low an altitude; but it is possible to take the view either (a) that State sovereignty should be asserted usque ad coelum or (b) that State sovereignty should be asserted only up to some prescribed level of altitude, above which the flight of aircraft would still be practicable, and that above that altitude the air should be free to all, just as the high seas outside the limits of territorial waters are free to all. "From the purely business point of view of the prospects of civil aerial transport in times of peace the latter view has much to recommend it." The commercial advantages of air traffic are to be expected mainly from rapid uninterrupted flights over long distances, and these advantages would be clearly best secured if aircraft above a certain altitude were allowed to fly freely in any direction without let or hindrance imposed upon them by the municipal legislation of the States over whose territories they might pass."

The report goes on to say that the question of sovereignty is "in the main a military one." In the main, we should have considered it a physical one. How on earth, or rather, how so high above the earth are the military going to establish that effective sovereignty? It is all very well to claim jurisdiction to the limit of accessible altitude, to forbid foreigners to pass over, but how is it proposed to make the claim and the law good in fact? In shallow seas, the wonderful British Navy went a long way toward establishing effective supervision under as well as on the water; but it was a big job. The wonderful Air Force may emulate the Navy, may develop brains and "gadgets" fearfully and wonderfully admirable, but it cannot achieve impossibilities. If the League of Nations fail to check warlike preparations, the military may claim rights as high as heaven till it is just as blue in the face, without doing more than look ridiculous. We are far past the Tower of Babel stage, but still, there is a point at which "thus far and no farther" seems to be the law.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 3s 1 7-16d.

To-day's return of communicable disease shows one fatal case of smallpox.

Mr. J. Parkes beat Mr. Tai Ming Tak by 99 points in the Billiard Championship last night.

The billiard match advertised to take place to-night at the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, has been postponed until next Saturday; owing to the races.

Mr. C. Thorne will preside at a lecture by Mrs. McPherson on "Appreciation of Pictures" at the Helena May Institute on Monday, March 3, at 5.30 p.m.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending Feb. 15 amounted to 47,620 tons and the sales during the period, to 49,011 tons.

Mr. E. Davidson appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell and applied for bail in the case of Chinese who was charged with being in possession of 1957 "San Piu" lottery tickets. Bail was fixed at $500.

There was only a fair "house" at the Theatre Royal last night when Edgar Warwick's Comedy Company presented, for the third time, the popular programme which brought them much well merited praise on the occasion of the opening of their return visit here on Wednesday night. Leslie, as usual, was capital in his absurdities and caused much merriment, whilst the singing of the various other ladies and gentlemen of the Company was up to the mark. To-night the "second edition" will be presented.

Beautiful souvenir programmes will be for sale at the gala performance of "Pinkie and the Fairies" on Friday, March 21, the gross proceeds of which are to be devoted to the Hongkong War Memorial Fund. The programme cover will be a coloured reproduction of one of W. Graham Robertson's famous woodcuts, entitled "Once upon a time," and other equally charming illustrations will be found interleaved. W. Graham Robertson is the author of "Pinkie and the Fairies" and is equally well-known for his fascinating stories for children as for his original picture book designs. In the Hongkong production every endeavour is being made to infuse as much as possible some of W. Graham Robertson's magic atmosphere of elfin grace and charm.

[CHINESE-AMERICAN SOCIETY

Preliminary plans were drawn up recently at a meeting held at the City Club, New York, for the formation of a Chinese-American Society under the chairmanship of Mr. John K. Sague, Poughkeepsie, who has travelled extensively in the Far East, and was one of the official representatives of the United States at the Convention in Shanghai for the revision of the Chinese customs tariff. The object of the society is to organise the progressive men of each country into two groups that will co-operate for mutual interest along commerical, economic and social lines. Many prominent men were present at the meeting and expressed approval of the aims of the proposed society, among them Dr. C. T. Wang Mr. Eugene Chen, Mr. Frank S. Doubleday, Mr. H. S. Chatfield and Mr. Robert L. Luce.

ZIONISM.

Zionism aims to create a publicly-secured, legally assured home for the Jewish people in Palestine, and prominent members of the Jewish Community in Shanghai have for some time been labouring strenuously to secure world endorsement of the Jewish National movement. A publication which reaches us from the Shanghai Zionist Association contains a well-written foreword by the Hon. Charles S. Lobingier, Judge of the U. S. Court for China, and contains important documents from the Siamese, Japanese and Chinese Governments bearing upon the future of Zionism. The foreword deals generally with the political future of Palestine as it will be affected by British *trusteeship*. Without the guiding hand of Great Britain it is seen that an attempt to set up a Jewish state there at once might wreck the whole project. The principle of self-determination would require that the Government of an independent state in Palestine should be placed in the hands of its inhabitants, and to-day, fully 60 per cent. of those inhabitants are non-Jewish. It must be definitely understood, writes Judge Lobingier, that trusteeship is only temporary and that its purpose is to administer the country no longer than the time when the Jews, as a majority of the inhabitants, are prepared to take it over. Altogether the booklet gives a fair idea of the progress being made in the movement.

SPECIAL CABLE.

RUBBER MARKET.

ACTIVE BUYING.

["CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL.]

SINGAPORE, Feb. 28.

The rubber market is most active at present. A large amount of freight is available for America, and buyers are taking advantage of the opportunity. As much as 79 cents was paid for smoked sheet ready for shipment.

HONGKONG SINGAPORE R.G.A.

RETURN OF MOUNTAIN BATTERY.

The visible excitement among the Kowloon troops this morning was due to the expected return of the Mountain Battery of the Hongkong-Singapore R.G.A., from three years, active service with the Expeditionary Force in Egypt and Palestine. A "China Mail" reporter was thus put on the scent, and learned that the B. I. steamer "Dilwara" was bringing the returning heroes. The vicinity of Kowloon Wharf was thronged with Indian soldiers anxious to greet friends. Before the vessel tied up, it was seen that she had a cargo of turbans and mules ears.

To meet the incoming Battery there presently appeared Major L. Cassel, D.A.A. and Q.M.G., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Passby R.G.A., Lieut.-Col. G. B. Crisp, R.A.M.C., and other officers. They exchanged hearty greetings with the officers of the Battery.

The disembarkation of the men, guns, limbers, waggons, horses and mules was a sight not often seen in Hongkong. It was none the less impressive because some of the "strength" had been dropped at Bombay. The only British officer killed during the active service of the Battery was 2nd Lieut. B. F. Chapman, son of Colonel A. Chapman V.D. of the Government Service. Before the war the late Lieut. Chapman was in Thos. Cook's Hongkong office.

Major I. N. Clayton was in command, other officers returning including Captain F. Skilton, M.C., Lieutenants J. Halpin, H. Dunbar, A. J. Willcox, F. G. White, L. B. Tyler, H. W. Griffin, and R. O. Perrott.

We reproduce a list of honours gained by officers and men of the Battery, published some time ago in the "China Mail."

NO. 1. MOUNTAIN BATTEY. (EGYPT.)

HONGKONG SINGAPORE BATTALION, R.G.A.

LIST OF WAR MEDALS AND DECORATIONS AWARDED.

BRITISH OFFICERS.

Major W. A. Moore R.G.A. Awarded D.S.O. and mentiond in despatches.

Lt. E. A. Evenden, R.G.A. Awarded Military Cross and mentioned in despatches.

Lt. F. L. Skilton R.G.A. Awarded Military Cross.

INDIAN OFFICERS.

Subadar Imam Din Khan. Awarded Military Cross and mentioned in despatches.

Subadar Alim Shar. Awarded Military Cross.

Jemadar Fatteh Singh. Awarded D.C.M. and mentioned in despatches.

SUB ASSISTANT SURGEON.

Sub-Asst. Surgeon Moula Buksh. Awarded Medal St. George 2nd Class Gold. (Russia).

HAVILDARS.

No. 712 Hav.-Major Piram Ditta, Awarded D.C.M.

No. 1178 Hav. Kishen Singh. Awarded D.C.M. and mentioned in despatches.

No. 722 Hav. Nawab Khan, Awarded D.C.M. and mentioned in despatches.

No. 1116 Hav. Abdul Ghani, Awarded Military Medal.

No. 1159 Hav. Rur. Singh. Awarded D.C.M. and mentioned in despatches.

No. 762 Hav. Sultan Muhd. Awarded D.C.M.

No. 1213 Hav. Chajja Singh. Awarded D.C.M.

1081 Hav. Piran Ditta. Awarded D.C.M.

NAICKS.

No. 1390 Naick Tika Khan. Awarded Military Medal and mentioned in despatches.

No. 1624 Naick Labh Singh. Awarded Military Medal.

No. 1422 Naick Ghulam Hussain. Awarded Military Medal.

No. 1255 Naick Rahmat Ullah. Mentioned in despatches.

GUNNERS.

No. 918 Gnr. Ghulam Muhd. Awarded Military Medal.

No. 1642 Gnr. Nihal Singh. Awarded Military Medal.

No. 699 Gnr. (now Naick) Karam Din. Awarded Silver Medal (Serbia) for distinguished service.

THE STAR FERRY COLLISION.

COXSWAIN CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

As a sequel to the recent collision between the Star Ferry launch "Evening Star" and a junk as a result of which the wife of the junk master was thrown overboard and killed by the propeller of the launch, the coxswain of the Ferry boat was indicted on a charge of manslaughter. The trial took place at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Inspector Gordon prosecuted and the accused was represented by Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

Sergeant Sutton, giving evidence, said that he held a master's certificate and was allotted for duty on the Star Ferry launches. He had been often on the "Evening Star." On the night in question, Feb. 21, at 11.15 p.m. he was at the Hongkong pier, when the "Evening Star" came in and he received notice of the collision from Mr. S. Moser which led him to go on board and put the accused under arrest on a charge of manslaughter. As his period of duty was from 11.30 p.m. to 12 midnight, Inspector Gordon gave him instructions to carry on and watch how the accused steered. In the two trips that the "Evening Star" made after the collision, he could see that the accused navigated the boat most carefully. As far as he knew, the accused did not navigate the launch since the accident.

Mr. S. Moser, a merchant residing at 22, Wong Nei Chong Village, said he was a passenger aboard the "Evening Star" and was a witness to the occurrence. He boarded the launch at its pier in Kowloon at 11 p.m. and went to the starboard side in the forward part of the upper deck. When the launch was approaching the Hongkong pier at a distance of 100 yards from it, he heard a commotion, and jumped up from his seat to investigate the cause. At a distance of 50 yards from the starboard bow of the launch, he saw a junk under sail crossing the bows of the "Evening Star." The bell rang out and the engines stopped. The sail of the junk was lowered and the next moment the collision took place. The starboard bow of the launch crashed into the port bow of the junk. The passengers on the upper deck threw life buoys into the sea, and he went down to the lower deck to assist in the rescue of the junk people. He found the junk lying alongside the launch. Several members of the junk's crew were clinging to the side of the "Evening Star" by means of boat hooks. A couple of sampans and a dinghy put out from Blake Pier to aid in the rescue. The people on the dinghy came across the body of a woman, floating in the water, but as they were unable to haul her in, they towed her by the hair to the Ferry launch. The woman having been taken on board the launch, attempts were made to resuscitate her but they were useless. Her body was much cut up and life was extinct. When the Hongkong pier was reached, an ambulance was sent for and, Mr. Moser informed Sergeant Sutton of the collision, and the Sergeant went on board the launch.

In further examination Mr. Moser said that after the collision he saw a light on the junk about two or three feet from the deck. He could not say whether the launch turned from its course before the collision. In the 50 feet distance which separated the two vessels before the collision, he was of the opinion that a collision could not have been altogether avoided even if the launch could have gone backwards.

Examined by Mr. Shenton, Mr. Moser said the commotion he had mentioned was from the junk. The impact beween the two vessels was from quarter-to-quarter.

Mr. Shenton: The reason for my asking this is that the coxswain said that he swung the wheel over and brought the launch to port.—I do not know, I was not in the steerroom.

Mr. Shenton: Did you happen to notice before the bell rang to stop, there was a bell for half-speed?—There was only one bell.

The cause of this death was due to the people of the junk jumping overboard?—In my opinion, the impact caught the men unaware and threw them overboard.

Dr. J. T. Smalley, in charge of the Kowloon Mortuary, said that on February 22, he examined the body of the deceased which was identified by the husband and sister-in-law. It was very much cut up. The main injury was in the breast, the breastbone and ribs being all fractured. The left lung was torn to pieces. There was nothing obvious to show that the actual cause of death was drowning. The cause of death was mortal injuries which were inflicted when the woman was alive.

Inspector Gordon: Could the injuries be caused by the propeller of the launch?—Yes.

Sergeant Sutton, recalled, stated that he made an examination of the junk two and a half-hours after the collision, as the boat was lying alongside the Star Ferry pier. He found that the junk was struck two points off the port beam. The gunwale was stove in to the extent of 4 or 5 inches. A few planks at the bottom of the boat were broken. There were no lights on the junk. According to the regulations the junk should carry two lights one at the mast and the other astern.

The master of the junk stated that his vessel which had a capacity of 110 piculs carried two lights. The crew of the junk consisted of himself, his wife, three sons and six men. On the night in question there was no wind, and the boat was proceeding under lowered sail to Kowloon after landing a few passengers at Blake Pier. The boat was propelled by three oars, two at the bows and one at the stern. He was the steersman, but was not steering at the time, being busy at the stern oar together with his fokis. His wife was at one of the forward oars. When they were about 300 feet away from the Praya they saw the "Evening Star" coming in their direction. He did not think of altering his course, but kept straight on. A collision could not be avoided and the junk was rammed on the port side where his wife was, and she and four other members of the crew were precipitated into the water by the shock. He himself jumped on to the Ferry launch with his young boy in his arms, as he was afraid the junk would capsize. His wife was drowned and he identified her body on the following morning at the mortuary.

Mr. Shenton: You kept rowing the junk notwithstanding the fact that you saw the launch?—Yes. The launch was coming direct towards us.

In further examination the junk master said he could not say whether the propeller of the launch was still working after the collision. The launch was at a great distance from the junk when she was perceived, and he did not lower his sail just before the collision as Mr. Moser had alleged. The light at the mast was put out by the collision, but the lamp at the stern was still alight after the occurrence. It was not a fact as Sergeant Sutton had stated that there were no lights on the junk when she was examined after the collision.

Mr. Shenton: The coxswain said he saw somebody in your junk take out a light and put it at the stern immediately before the collision.—No, that is not the case. We showed the light all the time.

The interpreter of the Kowloon Police Station stated that the accused made a statement to him as follows: "The junk had no light. I saw her when my launch was very near."

The case was adjourned.

DOG, POULTRY AND PIGEON SHOW.

TO BE HELD JOINTLY.

A meeting of dog, poultry and pigeon fanciers was held at the City Hall yesterday, to consider the advisability of holding jointly this year, a dog, poultry and pigeon show. Mr. H. W. Locker presided and there were also present, Messrs. B. L. Frost (secretary) L. Longinotto, F. H. Dillon, Wilson, Inspector Grant and several other gentlemen interested in the matter.

The Chairman stated that the question for the meeting to decide was whether or not a show should be held. It would be advantageous, if a show were held, to have a combined dog, poultry and pigeon show.

Mr. Wilson then proposed and Inspector Grant seconded that a show, on the same lines as last year, be held.

The following sub-committee was appointed to draw up the regulations:—Messers. J. F. Macarthy, E. Sousa, J. C. Wong, G. W. Gegg, L. Longinotto, F. H. Dillon, and B. L. Frost.

The following Judging Board for dogs was elected:—Messrs. A. Gibson, H. J. Gedge, G. W. Gegg, J. F. Macarthy and a lady to be nominated by the Board. It was also decided that the Judges, if they so wished, could invite any dog fanciers in the Colony to join the Board.

It was agreed, on the suggestion of the Chairman, that no member of the Judging committee should judge a class in which he was interested. It was also decided that the Committee of the Poultry Association should nominate and appoint a Board for judging poultry and pigeons.

It was suggested that champion dogs should be full-grown, but the question was not decided.

The date of the show was fixed for April 5. Further details were left to to Committee.

HOONG ON STEAMERS.

We understand that the Hoong On Steam Navigation Company, Limited, has been registered in Peking with a capital of $450,000, divided into 3,000 shares of $150 each. This new company agrees to take over the liabilities of the old concern, the Hoong On Steamship Co., Ltd. (in liquidation), and to pay expenses of liquidation and transfer. In addition the new company agrees to give a preference to all applications for shares in the new company made by shareholders of the old company on the register on January 1, 1919, to the extent of one share in the new Company for each share in the old—"Shanghai Times."

LAST NIGHT'S BOXING.

GOOD FIGHTS.

A large crowd gathered in the Club rooms of the Police Reserve last night to witness several fights arranged between men from one of the warships in the harbour. The accommodation was limited and when the first bout was called, a sea of faces looked out over the ring which had been erected in the largest of the Club rooms.

At the ringside were Messrs. N. J. Stabb, S. Dodwell, E. H. Sharp, O. B. E., G. Hastings, Eldon Potter, W. Logan, the Captain Superintendent of Police, I. Franks and many others, well known for their keen sporting interest.

Mr. H. J. Gedge acted as referee and Mr. A. B. Allan as timekeeper.

CONTEST 1.

The first bout was a six-round catch-weight contest between Able Seaman Connell, R.N. and Able Seaman Donaghey.

ROUND 1.

They wasted no time in preliminary trying out. Donaghey began to bore in and he kept it up during this round and all the succeeding ones. The strong swift short jab, particularly with the left, was much in evidence.

ROUND 2.

In this round Donaghey gave Connell several hard jabs on the body which forced Connell several times to the ropes and once to the ground.

ROUND 3.

This round was Donaghey's though Connell sprang in, full to fight. His blows lacked steam. In fact Donaghey gave him chances to hit him, apparently to make the fight closer, and not a blow did the least damage.

ROUND 4.

In this last round Connell was forced to resort to clinches. Little hard hitting was done on either side as Donaghey was getting wild in his hits. But Donaghey was far from done and Connell had to retire.

CONTEST 2.

This was a six round contest between Stoker Gale, R.N., and Stoker Harris R. N.

Gale was too active; he jumped about and soon tired himself without doing much hitting. Harris had more science and got in some straight blows on Gale's face and early in the second round Gale was knocked out.

CONTEST 3.

This was a six round catchweight contest between Stoker Barclay R.N. and Stoker Arbuckle R.N.

In this fight, which all present agreed was one of the best we have seen in the Colony, Arbuckle was a good fighting machine. He cut up Barclay's face, directing his attack chiefly to that part. When Barclay sought to protect his face Arbuckle carried the fight to the body and punched that just as wickedly and with equal ease. When Barclay clinched, Arbuckle rained a shower of short but powerful blows at all parts of his body which completely broke down Barclay's fighting defence. He kept up a merciless tattoo on Barclay's ribs.

Arbuckle was master from the moment the gong called the men to the centre of the ring for the first round to the tap of the bell which announced the end of the bout.

CONTEST 4.

A fifteen 3-round featherweight contest between Stoker Welsh R.N., and Stoker Neil R.N.

This was somewhat a failure. Neil throughout the first round was too aggressive; he had no guard and in the second round was completely knocked out by Welsh who throughout had kept up a steady guard.

The evening was enjoyed by all present. The Navy gave a fine evening's sport and the organiser, Inspector Wilden, is to be congratulated and thanked.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. W. Logan & Co. report on Feb. 28 as follows: The week under review has been interfered with owing to the Race Meeting and also our monthly Settlement. Rates however continue to be well supported and a fair amount of business has been put through.

Banks.—Hongkong Banks have buyers at $780 ex div.

Marine Insurances.—Cantons, are still wanted at $410. Unions, after sales at $1,040 are wanted at $1,030.

Fire Insurances.—China Fires have Buyers at $175 and Hongkong Fires at $350.

Shipping.—Indos are quiet, shares being obtainable about $158½. Douglases are wanted at $91 and Steamboats at $20½.

Docks, and Wharves.—Hongkong Docks have improved and close with strong buyers at $160. Hongkong Wharves are wanted at $116 Cash, with sellers for March at $117. Shanghai Docks have buyers at Tls. 133.

Refineries.—China Sugars are stronger, buyers offering $120 with very few shares coming out. Malabons have buyers at $35 ex div.

Miscellaneous.—Cements have buyers at $8.90. Electrics $77. Waterboats $12½. Hongkong Trams $3. Watsons $6.10. Dairy Farms $27½. China Providents $8½, and China Lights $5.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club was held last evening at the Club pavilion, Mr. J. B. Chapman being in the chair.

The report for the 1918 season stated: The profit made in the working of the Club is $2,704.24. This is due to the loyal support given to the Club in general by the members. Fifteen new members joined the Club during the year and seven left, making the present total 148, an increase of six over last year. The annual competitions were again played, but owing to continued bad weather had to be carried on till 1919. The usual single ties were played and in addition pairs and points games were introduced and met with good support. The usual competitions in this branch of sport were commenced but owing to lack of enthusiasm of players had to be abandoned. The Committee hope that the season now commenced will be more successful. The Rennie Competition was played during the season and games were enjoyed by all who took part. Kowloon had again to give way to Tsimtoo. The Committee regret to record the death of three old members, Mr. A. A. Fyffe, who was drowned while serving his country in France, Mr. W. Drummond, who died in England, and Capt. H. H. Alcock, who was lost at sea through enemy action.

The best thanks of the Club are due to the donors of the many handsome prizes for Bowls and Tennis. The Golf section continues to be very popular and with the younger players coming along with great enthusiasm some very fine games will be witnessed in the near future. A handicap competition is well under way and will be completed at an early date.

The Chairman in proposing the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, said:—The financial position of this Club has steadily improved year by year, and your Committee are pleased to lay such a satisfactory statement before you for the year under review. A surplus of $2,794.24 of receipts over expenditure shows the Club to be in a healthy condition. The profit arising from the bar, amounting to $3,354.74, is fairly large for this Club, but I might say you had a most enterprising committee in charge of this section. These gentlemen, with a perspicacity for which the Club's thanks are due, made some very favourable purchases of stock, which, in view of the uncertainty of supplies and high prices then prevailing—our Club charges not being increased—have helped considerably in this profit. Following on last year's example, it is proposed that our Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer be granted the same honorarium as last year, namely, $100 each. This Club has the services of two very able servants in these positions and we all appreciate their value. The membership this year has increased by six, the total membership now standing at 148. We lost by death three very old members, and also very recently one other member, Mr. Tulip. In the League Bowling Competition we once more have to be content with second place. Should there be Inter-Club contests this year we will miss the services of two stalwart players, Mr. Russell and Mr. Haxton; to make up for the loss of these two fine players will necessitate careful choosing of rinks. This past year the Lawn Bowls Association of Shanghai invited a rink from Hongkong to take part in a series of Interport Games with Hankow and Shanghai. It is to the credit of this, the premier Club, that four of our members comprised the first Hongkong Interport rink. Messrs. Russell, Harvey, Bond and Gerrard, at no small personal expense, visited Shanghai and played matches with the other two Interport rinks, leaving our Club's colours with the Shanghai players and returning with the Hankow flag. It is to be hoped the Hongkong Association will take up the Interport games, in which case we will be sure to see keen competition for places in the rink. I also wish to mention, in this connection, Mr. Ross, who took such good care of the gentlemen in Shanghai.

The "playing off" of the ties in our bowling competitions was somewhat delayed owing to unsuitable weather, military duties, and various other reasons, so that it was only on Saturday last we saw their completion. This year, with less arduous military requirements, we hope to see a return to normal times. Tennis competitions were abandoned this year. With a return to happier times we look forward to a more successful tennis season. Golfing members show great enthusiasm and before long we trust to see some of our players figuring in the Championship. The donors of the handsome prizes for bowls are asked to accept the Club's best thanks for their generosity.

Mr. W. B. Hind seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

The President proposed that Mr. W. J. Owens, the Vice President, be elected President for the year. He referred to the good work he had done for the club, and in having him for a President they had a gentleman who had the interests of the club at heart. They had as past presidents a humble Englishman, a fiery Irishman and a retiring Scotsman and it was only fitting that they should have a Welshman this time.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Davison and agreed to.

The business of electing the office-bearers for the year was then proceeded with. They were: Vice-President, Mr. J. Morris: Treasurer, Mr. Hedley; Secretary, Mr. D. S. Cooper; Committee: Messrs. D. Gow, W. Russell, D. Neilson, D. Harvey, J. S. McIntosh, C. Atkinson and W. Davison.

The following members will donate prizes for the season: Messrs. D. R. Shaw, W. B. Hind W. Davison, J. Morris, C. Atkinson, J. B. Chapman, D. Harvey, Simson, D. Neilson, R. M. Dyer, J. Manchau, Mackenzie (Liverpool) and D. Steel.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the outgoing office-bearers.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.

Charges of embezzlement were brought against a Chinese who appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning.

Mr. M. K. Lo prosecuted and the accused was represented by Mr. P. W. Goldring.

Mr. Lo informed his worship that he wished to add a further charge against the accused, of fraudulently converting 49,128 piculs of rice valued at $80,000 for his own benefit. Applying for a remand, Mr. Lo asked for an increase of bail to correspond to this further charge. At the previous hearing two charges were brought against the accused and $5,000 bail was fixed for each charge. His friend on that occasion had no difficulty in finding the money, and as he appeared to have plenty of money, he (Mr. Lo) supposed that he would have no greater difficulty in procuring money for the increased bail.

Mr. Goldring said that the present charge was one of embezzlement which may eventually prove to have nothing in it at all. It was not a charge of larceny in which the bail is fixed ad valorem to the amount involved. He submitted that $10,000 was a heavy bail. His friend had no right to go on increasing it. Moreover his client knew all about the charge; he was prepared to appear before the Court.

Mr. Lindsell fixed bail at $15,000, being $10,000 for two previous charges and $5,000 for the additional one. The latter could be in the form of a surety.

DANISH CRY FOR JUSTICE.

It is an error to attribute to the entire Danish people the desire to recover the whole territory stolen by the Germans in 1864. They ask no more than the northern half down to a line from Hoyer to a point north of Flensburg.

Ninety-five per cent. of the people of this part of Schleswig still speak Danish, despite half a century of infamous repression. Not only have they been prosecuted for speaking their own tongue in their own homes, but parents have been fined and deprived of the custody of their children for sending them to school in Denmark. Yet the population remains firmly attached to the Motherland, and the desperate German efforts to colonise have only affected towns where Government functionaries have gathered round them groups of artisans and small tradesmen from Germany.

Farther south, 54 years of stern persecution have so largely Germanised the region that restoration to Denmark is opposed because "We don't want German deputies raising the Schleswig question in our Parliament." They say: "We would rather the Germans kept it. This has been hitherto the attitude of the large majority of Danes who have undoubtedly been influenced by a wholesome rational fear of their bullying neighbour's might. "All neutral countries believed that Germany was invincible."

But now, as it dawns on the people that the dreaded military Colossus is really smashed, the native hue of resolution so long sicklied o'er, as Shakespeare's Dane said, with the pale caste of thought, gradually recovers the faculty of action. Doubtful timidity swells to assured boldness. Long pent-up griefs, practically ignored by Europe for 50 years, cry aloud for justice. The feeling here is such as Damocles must have experienced when the hanging sword was removed.

It is a simple statement of a universally palpable fact that the little peoples of the Scandinavian countries breathe more freely because Prussianism is dead. Now, at long last, the people dare speak their minds.

A vast meeting of Danish electors was held at Apenrade, in German Schleswig, to support a claim to the Peace Conference for south Schleswig's right of self-determination. The question grows in acuteness by the fact that the Soldiers' and Sailors' Councils are oppressing the people even more severely than the Kaiser's Government by levying terrible tributes on farmers' cattle.

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THE GENERAL MANAGER'S PROGRESS REPORT FOR 4 WEEKS ENDING JANUARY 25, 1919.

The accompanying sheet of Mine Measurements and Assay returns shows a total of 484 ft. made up of 20 ft. sinking, 96 ft. driving, and 368 ft. crosscutting, as against a total of 437 ft. for the previous four weeks.

BT. KOMAN MINE.

940 ft. level. The north drive has been advanced 6 ft. making a total of 202 ft. The lode 59 ins. wide assays 6 dwts.

To the south drive 4 ft. has been added bringing the total to 204 ft. The lode 52 ins. wide gives 4 dwts.

840 ft. level. The drive north at 230 ft. has been extended 6 ft. Total 22 ft. The lode 54 ins wide is worth 2½ dwts.

640 ft. level. The drive south on the 85 ft. lode has been driven 4 ft. bringing the total to 269 ft. The lode 48 ins. wide gives 3 ½ dwts.

Crosscutting. For stope filling, 140 ft.

Stopes. Above the 940 ft level, one stope, lode 252 ins wide worth 4½ dwts.

Above the 840 ft level, one stope, lode 194 ins wide worth 1½ dwt.

Above the 740 ft level, two stopes, lode 200 ins wide worth 7 dwts.

Above the 640 ft level, two stopes, lode 201 ins wide worth 8¾ dwts.

Above the 540 ft level, one stope, lode 232 ins wide worth 1 dwt.

ANDERSON MINE.

660 ft level. The crosscut east has been extended 8 ft. Total 34 ft.

The crosscut west has been advanced 5 ft. Total 36 ft. This has been stopped.

On the lode at 21 ft in the east crosscut drives have been taken 5 ft and 8 ft to the north and south respectively. The lode shows a width of 40 ins and assays 1½ dwt.

360 ft level. The drive north has been driven 16 ft making a total of 853 ft. The lode 51 ins wide assays 2½ dwts.

260 ft level. The north drive has been extended 10 ft. Total 1466 ft. The lode 59 ins wide assays 1½ dwt.

160 ft level. On the east branch the drive has been advanced 3 ft making a total of 82 ft. The lode 57 ins wide is worth 1¾ dwt.

Crosscutting. For stope filling, 156 ft.

Stopes. Above the 460 ft level, one stope, lode 96 ins wide worth 2 dwts.

Above the 360 ft level, one stope, lode 110 ins wide worth 6½ dwts.

Above the 260 ft level, one stope, lode 108 ins witde worth 1 dwt.

Above the 160 ft level, two stopes, lode 104 ins wide worth 12 dwts.

DERRICK'S SHAFT.

100 ft level. The main crosscut east has been advanced 9 ft. Total 347 ft.

The north drive has been driven 14 ft. making a total of 38 ft. The lode 36 ins. wide assays 3½ dwts.

To the south drive 20 ft. has been added making a total of 73 ft. The lode 42 ins. wide gives 2½ dwts.

Crosscutting for stope filling, 50 ft.

One stope has been in operation on a lode 18 ins. wide worth 12 dwts.

From surface a winze has been started and sunk 20 ft. This is intended to come down on the 300 ft. lode and prepare it for stoping.

MILLING SHEET FOR FOUR WEEKS ENDING JAN. 25, 1919.

Bt Koman, 50 stamps ran 23.156 days. Lost time 4.844 days due to shortage of power, and ore—labour shortage and usual causes.

Stone crushed Bt Koman	1582
Anderson	1583
Stope	45
Junction	331
Derrick's	254
	3795 tons

Huntington Mill (1) ran 23.75 days. Lost time 4.25 days due to power, shortage of ore and usual causes.

Surface ore treated Koman	700
	1379
	2079 tons

Total ore crushed in Koman Mills 5874 tons.

	Amalgam	Retorted	Smelted
Battery	2567	889	883.225
H. Mills	197	97	96.350
Totals	2764	986	979.575

Bt Malacca 2 Huntington Mills ran 24.6 days. Lost Time 3.4 days due to repairs, power, and usual clean up.

Surface ore treated Bt Koman	1652
Bt Malacca	1789
	3441 tons

Amalgam collected 553 ozs producing 242 ozs retorted yielding 240.40 ozs smeltted gold.

Average yield per ton	
Stamp	4.6546 dwts
H. Mills	9270 "
Malacca	1.3972 "
Tailings	800 "
Totals:—Ore crushed	9315 tons
Amalgam collected	3317,000 ozs
Smelted gold	1219.975 "
Average yield per ton	2.619 dwts
Fineness of bullion per thousand.	915.6

W. H. MARTIN,
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Hongkong merchants are invited to correspond with American concerns seeking Hongkong connections as listed below:—

No. 1025.—Jewelry.—The United Americas Exporting Company, Inc., of 212 Union Street, Providence, R.I., seek a Hongkong market for a general line of jewelry and invite correspondence.

No. 1026.—Worsted, Wool and Cotton Yarns.—H. E. Greene and Company, Inc., of 353 Fourth Avenue, New York City, invite correspondence looking to the introduction of their line of worsted, wool, cotton and mercerized yarns and all similar products.

No. 1027.—Saddlers' Tools, Hardware Novelties and Similar Goods.—The National Novelty Company of 36 East 23rd Street, New York City, seeks to place on sale in Hongkong its line of saddlers' tools of all kinds; compasses; mallets; plough cutting gauges; marine hardware; palming and seaming ropes; thimbles; sailmakers' tools and heavy and light hardware. The concern invites correspondence.

No. 1028.—Aniline Dyes.—The Williamsburg Chemical Co., Inc., of 198 Broadway, New York City, invites correspondence from Hongkong firms interested in aniline dyes.

No. 1029.—The Chas. Alshuler Mfg. Co., of 1103 Transportation Building, Chicago, Ill., seks a Hongkong market for its line of men's shirts of all grades and invites correspondence.

No. 1030.—General Representation.—P. D. Campbell and Company of 401-411 East 36th Street, New York City, invite correspondence in relation to the general import and export trade and seek representation of Hongkong firms.

No. 1031.—Knitting Cotton.—Messrs. Harding, Tilton and Co., of Boston, Mass., seek to place on sale in Hongkong their line of cotton yarns for knitting hosiery and underwear and invite correspondence.

No. 1032.—Railroad Track Specialties.—The Track Specialties Company of 29 Broadway, New York City, seek to place on sale in Hongkong their line of specialties for railway tracks and invite correspondence.

No. 1033.—Inks.—The Economy Ink Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, invite correspondence in relation to their line of inks of all grades.

No. 1034.—Band and Circular Saws: Machine Knives, etc.—The Sheffield Works, Inc., of 86 Warren Street, New York City, invite correspondence in relation to their line of wide band saws, narrow band saws, circular saws, hand saws, cross cut saws, cane knives and similar goods.

No. 1035.—Automobile Trucks.—The Four Wheel Drive Auto Company of Clintonville, Wis., seek a Hongkong agent for their line of automobile trucks, particularly the four wheel drive truck, and invite correspondence.

Hongkong, February 24, 1919.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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TO LET from 16th April, 1919—1st Floor, No. 38 Nathan Road, Kowloon, (Dairy Farm Co.'s premises). Apply to Secretary, The Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd.

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ON

TUESDAY March 4th

AND

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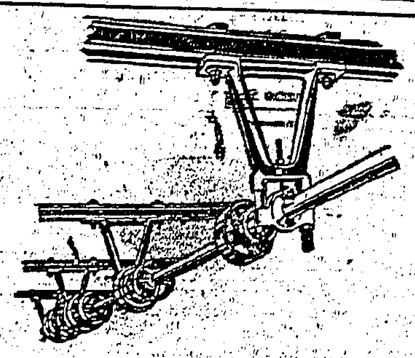
DINNER DANCE

FRIDAY, March 7th

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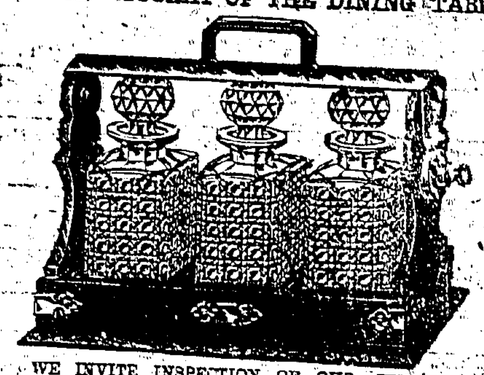
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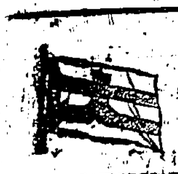
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SHANGHAI	TSAN	Mar. 4, at 4 p.m.
HAIPHONG	KAIFONG	Mar. 6, at 10 a.m.
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SHANGHAI	TAISANG	FRIDAY,	Mar. 7, Daylight.
HAIPHONG	TAKSANG	FRIDAY,	Mar. 7, at 5 a.m.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	FRIDAY,	Mar. 7, at 2 p.m.
SANDAKAN	HAUSANG	SATURDAY,	Mar. 8, at Noon.
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PERSIA MARU	9,000	1st April.
KOREA MARU	20,000	22nd April from Yokohama.
NIPPON MARU	11,000	29th April from Yokohama.
TENYO MARU	22,000	3rd May.
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Empress of Asia...	27th Mar.	14th April.
Montcalm	5th April.	23th April.
Empress of Russia	24th April.	12th May.
Empress of Japan	7th May.	28th May.
Empress of Asia...	22nd May.	9th June.
Montcalm	18th June.	4th July.
Empress of Russia	15th June.	7th July.
Empress of Japan	2nd July.	23rd July.
Empress of Asia...	17th July.	4th Aug.
Empress of Russia	14th Aug.	1st Sept.
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HOLLAND'S CLAIMS.

Holland is about to present her claims to the United States for the use of the shipping taken over by the Washington government last March. She will have a large bill for the use of the ships and for damages to the property.

The policy of the President is to turn back the Dutch ships at the earliest possible moment, and to pay the owners liberally for their use during the war. Nothing will be left for future argument after settlement is made. There is no disposition on the part of Washington authorities to be stingy.

It is reported on New York that the Netherlands Government plans to employ Senator Hollis of New Hampshire, when his term in the Senate closes, to represent it in the adjustment of its claims. He will be free to act after March 4. The Netherlands Legation could not say whether or not he was to be engaged, as all such matters are considered at The Hague.

The Government is rather surprised that Holland should deem it necessary to be elaborate about pressing her claim. The President's proclamation provided compensation and replacement of any lost ships.

The President charged the Shipping Board with settlement of terms of compensation, the maintenance and repatriation of the Dutch crews, and settlement of indemnity for losses incurred by them, and the care and disposition of cargoes on the vessels, as well as the settlement of terms of compensation to Dutch cargo owners.

CUNARD LINE'S EXPANSION.

The Cunard Line is planning an extensive development of its connections on the Continent, says the London correspondent of the Liverpool "Journal of Commerce." He states: "Lively satisfaction is caused in shipping circles by the announcement that the Cunard Line has applied for and has been granted the site and berths at Antwerp which were formerly allocated to the Norddeutscher Lloyd of Bremen. Two facts arise from this bald announcement. The one is the determination of Belgium to sever her connection with Hun shipping. The other is the development of the Cunard Line on the Continent. Belgium was under a heavy debt to German shipping before the war. Antwerp's business was drawn from the Hinterland of Belgium, the manufacturing districts of Germany on the Rhine, and keen competition was waged between Antwerp, on one hand, and Hamburg, Bremen and Emden to secure this traffic."

The correspondent continues: "Germany has her system of preferential railway rates, which favored the export of German goods via the ports of the Empire. They were reduced, in conjunction with the ocean freight rates, to a level which would enable the goods to be marketed abroad at a rate lower via Hamburg or Bremen than by any other route.

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"Belgium now has her own shipping organization in the Royal Belgian Lloyd, and her subsidy has been liberally extended to this national steamship company. German shipping, on the other hand, will not be so welcomed as in the past; in fact, it will do better by keeping away."

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OFF DAY — 1919 RACES.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING CONCLUDED.

Fine weather marked the closing day of the races. Few people were present at the first saddling bell, but before 1.30 there was a good crowd on the course.

With the crack Shanghai jockeys returned to the North, the Hongkong riders were anticipating a good day on their own. Mr. Moller, however, had not gone back and rode Dalesman in the first race.

There are a large number of Cash Sweep prizes unclaimed including:—

1st Day.—3rd Race, 1st prize, $870, ticket No. 189; 4th Race, 1st prize, $925, ticket No. 138; 6th Race, 2nd prize, $411, ticket No. 11; 7th Race, 2nd prize, $417, ticket No. 157; 8th Race, 3rd prize, $207, ticket No. 160; 9th Race, 3rd prize, $209, ticket No. 10.

2nd Day.—1st Race, 2nd prize, $207, ticket No. 11, 3rd prize, $133, ticket No. 25; 7th Race, 1st prize, $1,085, ticket No. 144.

3rd Day.—1st Race, 1st prize, $924, ticket No. 330, 3rd prize, $176, ticket No. 98; 2nd Race, 1st prize, $1,235, ticket No. 97, 3rd prize, $176, ticket No. 98; 3rd Race, 1st prize, $1,288, ticket No. 180; 4th Race, 1st prize, $1,459, ticket No. 240; 6th Race, 1st prize, $1,775, ticket No. 65; 7th Race, 3rd prize, $277, ticket No. 142.

There are also numerous prizes unclaimed for unplaced ponies.

Judging by the small numbers of the winning tickets they appear mostly to belong to those taking through tickets, in which case they have had a good time of it this year.

The Band of the 18th Infantry again played a nice selection of music, adding to the enjoyment of the meeting. The programme was as follows:—

1. Selection—Chu Chin Chow Norton
2. March—The Lass That Loves A Sailor Binding
3. Song—Somewhere A Voice Is Calling Tate
4. One Step—Good Night Germany Meyer
5. Valse—Nights of Gladness Ancliffe
6. Selection—Little Miss Ragtime Alec Hemley
7. One Step—Hawaiian Butterfly Baskette
8. March—Dolly Gray Quentin

Bandmaster, E. Vassallo.

1.—THE "HAY AND CORN" STAKES.—Winner $250; Second $100; Third $50. For all Subscription Griffins that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have not had more than two winning mounts in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Unplaced runners allowed 5 lb. Four ponies to start or Race becomes void. Half a mile.

Messrs. G. & G.'s Second Fiddle, 10st 9lb (Mr. Knoll) 1
Mr. Wayfoong's Wedding Bells, 10st 10lb (Mr. Sedgwick) 2
Mr. John Peel's Doubtful, 11st 1lb (Mr. Reid) 3
Mr. Dowbiggin's Dalesman, 11st 1lb (Mr. Moller) 0
Messrs. d'Almada & Rocha's Castello Branco, 10st 7lb (Mr. Kremer) 0
Mr. Fourofukind's Diamond, 10st 13lb (Mr. Dalgleish) 0
Mr. Soares's Black Cat, 11st 12lb (Mr. Gegg) 0
Mr. Buxey's Hector, 10st 8lb (Mr. Soare) 0
Mr. Nemazee's Meygoon, 10st 11lb (Mr. Doyle) 0
Sir Ellis' Kadoorie's Dahlia, 10st 7lb (Mr. Mody) 0
Mr. Billiards' Losing Hazard, 10st 5lb. (Mr. Evins) 0
Mr. Adams' White Fang, 10st 5lb (Mr. Adams) 0

There were several false starts, Second Fiddle being particularly restive. When the flag fell Second Fiddle jumped to the front, with Wedding Bells close after, and the rest in a bunch behind. Out of this cluster Dalesman soon showed himself, challenging the two pacemakers. Rounding the bend Second Fiddle had to give place to Wedding Bells, though without visible slacking off. There was a rattling good race now, and Wedding Bells could not keep it up. Second Fiddle won by a head, with only a neck between Wedding Bells at second and Doubtful at third.

Time, 1min. 1 2/5secs.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner,		$ 11.50
Places:—1st		$ 6.90
" 2nd		$ 10.30
" 3rd		$ 36.80
Cash Sweeps:—		
Ticket No. 301,	1st	$ 824.00
" " 84,	2nd	$ 235.00
" " 289,	3rd	$ 117.00
Unplaced ponies		$ 225.00
Commission		$ 249.00
Total		$1,650.00

Unplaced ponies, $25.00 each, ticket Nos. 180, 203, 208, 56, 136, 280, 87, 57, 89.

127 tickets were sold on Second Fiddle, for win.

152 tickets were sold on Second Fiddle, for place.

53 tickets were sold on Wedding Bells, for place.

2.—THE "LUCKY" STAKES.—Winner $250; Second $100; Third $50. For all Griffins that have run at this Meeting and not been placed. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have not had more than two winning mounts in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong or China allowed 7 lb. Off-day Winner barred. Four ponies to start or race becomes void. Five furlongs.

Mr. D. M. Ross's Grouse, 11st 1lb (Mr. Sedgwick) 1
Mr. D. M. Ross's Claret, 11st 1lb (Mr. Dalgleish) 2
Sir Ellis' Weihai Chief, 10st 12lb (Mr. Knoll) 3
Sir Ellis' Congo Chief, 10st 12lb (Mr. Gegg) 0
Mr. Nemazee's Meymoon, 10st 11lb (Mr. Doyle) 0
Mr. Buxey's Hector, 10st 2lb (Mr. Mody) 0

Two false starts. When they did get off, Grouse led the field, followed by Claret. Meymoon was third and Weihai Chief was running well when passing the Black Rock. Rounding the bend, Claret and Grouse led, followed by Hector and Weihai Chief. At the straight the same order was kept up, Hector coming up well. The remainder were pretty well level. At the winning post, Grouse came in first, one and a half lengths in front of Claret. Weihai Chief was third, half a length behind Claret.

Time, 1min. 16 4-5secs.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner,		$ 8.10
Places:—1st		$ 5.50
" 2nd		$ 6.60
" 3rd		$ 5.80
Cash Sweeps:—		
Ticket No. 192,	1st	$1,286.00
" " 113,	2nd	$ 367.00
" " 421,	3rd	$ 183.00
Unplaced ponies		$ 75.00
Commission		$ 339.00
Total		$2,250.00

Unplaced ponies $25.00 each, tickets Nos. 154, 2, 76.

271 tickets were sold on Grouse, to win.

228 tickets were sold on Grouse, for place.

80 tickets were sold on Claret, for place.

156 tickets were sold on Weihai Chief, for place.

3.—THE "ALL OUT" STAKES.—Winner $250; Second $100; Third $50. For all China Ponies that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race. Weight for inches as per scale. Unplaced runners allowed 5 lb. Griffins on date of entry allowed 5 lb. Subscription Griffins of this Season allowed 10 lb. Jockeys who have not had more than two winning mounts in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong or China allowed 7 lb. Allowances not accumulative. Off-day Winners barred. Four ponies to start or race becomes void. One mile.

Mr. Dryasdust's Salamander, 10st 10lb (Mr. Sutton) 1
Mr. John Peel's Alexander, 11st 1lb (Mr. Reid) 2
Mr. Fash's Black Jack, 11st 1lb (Mr. Dalgleish) 3
Sir Ellis' Formosa Chief, 11st 1lb (Mr. Knoll) 0
Mr. Adam's Crest, 10st 8lb (Mr. Adams) 0
Sir Paul's Spotted Sand, 11st 1lb (Mr. Gegg) 0
Sir Ellis' Essex Chief, 10st 12lb (Mr. Moller) 0

They all got off in a nice start. Formosa Chief led the field followed by Essex Chief, who presently dropped back, and Formosa Chief taking his place, soon got first, with Salamander, Black Jack and Alexander well after him. The first three ponies were about a length in front of the others. Crest was fourth and Essex Chief galloping hard behind. Formosa Chief led away at the bend. Here Crest dropped behind. Salamander led up to the winning post and won, one length in front of Alexander, who was one head in front of Black Jack at third place. Alexander who was expected to win, was a complete failure Time 2.5 2/5.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner,		$ 34.70
Places:—1st		$ 9.40
" 2nd		$ 14.00
" 3rd		$ 7.50
Cash Sweeps:—		
Ticket No. 409,	1st	$1,554.00
" " 156,	2nd	$ 444.00
" " 435,	3rd	$ 222.00
Unplaced ponies		$ 100.00
Commission		$ 410.00
Total		$2,730.00

Unplaced ponies $25.00 each, ticket Nos. 78, 145, 155, 518.

75 tickets were sold on Salamander, to win.

122 tickets were sold on Salamander, for place.

60 tickets were sold on Alexander, for place.

203 tickets were sold on Black Jack, for place.

4.—THE TYTAM HANDICAP "A".—Winner $350; Second $150; Third $75. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Season 1918-1919 that have run at the Meeting. Entrance $5. Once round.

Messrs. Gay Birds' Swallow, 11st 1lb (Mr. Kremer) 1
Mr. Cire's Starlight, 11st 8lb (Mr. Moller) 2
Mr. Goohead's Smokebox, 11st 5lb (Mr. Sedgwick) 3
Mr. Adams' Cassius, 10st 4lb (Mr. Adams) 0
Mr. B. Basto's Victory Star, 10st 12lb (Mr. Soares) 0
Mr. Dash's Firefly, 11st 6lb (Mr. Sutton) 0
Mr. Fireworks' Burst Length, 11st 8lb (Mr. Reid) 0
Dr. Forsyth's Morning Star, 10st 11lb (Mr. Dalgleish) 0
Messrs. G. & G.'s First Fiddle, 10st 12lb (Mr. Knoll) 0
Messrs. Murray & Leitch's Woodworker, 10st 11lb (Mr. Doyle) 0

Two false starts. When they got away, Victory Star was wholly left. Starlight, Firefly, Smokebox and Burst Length led the field. At the stretch Smokebox was first, Starlight second, and Burst Lengths third. Coming up strongly, Swallow was fourth. At the bend Swallow became third. In the straight Starlight, Burst Lengths and Swallow had a good race together, Smokebox also participating. At the winning post Swallow was first, one and a half lengths in front of Starlight. Starlight was second, and Smokebox third, half a length behind Starlight.

Time, 1min. 54 1/5secs.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner,		$ 59.40
Places:—1st		$ 13.30
" 2nd		$ 9.50
" 3rd		$ 10.50
Cash Sweeps:—		
Ticket No. 372	1st	$1,787.00
" " 384	2nd	$ 510.00
" " 354	3rd	$ 225.00
Unplaced ponies		$ 175.00
Commission		$ 483.00
Total		$3210.00

Unplaced ponies, $25.00 each, ticket Nos. 283, 331, 517, 617, 127, 424, 613.

56 tickets were sold on Swallow to win.

111 tickets were sold on Swallow for place.

201 tickets were sold on Starlight for place.

167 tickets were sold on Smokebox for place.

4 (a).—THE TYTAM HANDICAP "B."—Winner $350; Second $150; Third $75. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Season 1918-1919 that have run at the Meeting. Entrance $5. Once round.

Mr. Dynasty's King John, 11st 2lb (Mr. Moller) 1
Mr. Nemazee's Jeyhoon, 10st 10lb (Mr. Doyle) 2
Mr. Lowe's Variety, 10st 10lb (Mr. Knoll) 3
Mr. Dash's Gadfly, 10st 7lb (Mr. Evans) 0
Mr. Four of a kind's Spade, 10st 13lb (Mr. Livingstone) 0
Messrs. Thomas' & Sedgwick's Fairdooze, 10st 10lb (Mr. Sedgwick) 0

Much delay was caused by Spade getting out of control and bolting three times round the course. He was eventually stopped and started with the others. At the start, Jeyhoon led, followed by Variety and King John. Jeyhoon still kept his position when the bend was reached and Variety was going strong. Spade who was completely spent trailed at a distance of ten lengths behind the others. At the stretch Variety was seen overtaking Jeyhoon. Fairdooze was going strong. At the Black Rock, Jeyhoon, Variety and King John was maintained when rounding the bend. In the straight a good race between King John, Jeyhoon and Variety took place to the winning post, where King John was first, one length and a half in front of Jeyhoon. The same distance separated the second pony from Variety who came in third.

Time, 1min. 57secs.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner,		$ 11.10
Places:—1st		$ 6.60
" 2nd		$ 9.20
" 3rd		$ 6.80
Cash Sweeps:—		
Ticket No. 147	1st	$1,923.00
" " 416	2nd	$ 551.00
" " 326	3rd	$ 275.00
Unplaced ponies		$ 75.00
Commission		$ 501.00
Total		$3,330.00

Unplaced ponies, $25.00 each, ticket Nos, 271, 570, 526.

289 tickets were sold on King John to win.

279 tickets were sold on King John for place.

106 tickets were sold on Jeyhoon for place.

241 tickets were sold on Variety for place.

5.—THE HONGKONG HANDICAP "A."—Winner $350; Second $150; Third $75. Open to all China Ponies entered at this Meeting. Entrance $5. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Fash's Grey Goose, 10st 10lb (Mr. Dalgleish) 1
Mr. Cire's Daintylight (late Dainty Sand), 10st 9lb (Mr. Moller) 2
Mr. Horsford's Malcolm, 10st 10lb (Mr. Knoll) 3
Mr. Cire's Firelight, 10st 12lb (Mr. Doyle) 0
Mr. John Peel's Burning Daylight, 10st 5lb (Mr. Reid) 0

A good start. Daintylight followed by Firelight led the field, with the others running close behind. Malcolm came up well for second place and challenged Firelight who was very soon beaten and took third place. This order was unchanged at the stretch. Malcolm was gaining ground and soon got level with Burning Daylight. At the Black Rock Grey Goose took third place, and forging ahead, led at the bend with Malcolm second. At the straight the same order was kept. Grey Goose came in at the winning post first, a length and a half in front of Daintylight, who beat Malcolm by three lengths for second place.

Time, 2min. 37 3/5secs.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner,		$ 19.80
Places:—1st		$ 9.30
" 2nd		$ 6.70
" 3rd		$ —
Cash Sweeps:—		
Ticket No. 722	1st	$2,237.00
" " 82	2nd	$ 639.00
" " 424	3rd	$ 319.00
Unplaced ponies		$ 50.00
Commission		$ 575.00
Total		$3,820.00

Unplaced ponies, $25.00 each, ticket Nos. 543, 491.

200 tickets were sold on Grey Goose to win.

149 tickets were sold on Grey Goose for place.

371 tickets were sold on Daintylight for place.

194 tickets were sold on Malcolm for place.

5 (a).—THE HONGKONG HANDICAP "B."—Winner $350; Second $150; Third $75. Open to all China Ponies entered at this Meeting. Entrance $5. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Dynasty's Vivat, 10st 12lb (Mr. Moller) 1
Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Tytam Chief, 10st 11lb (Mr. Knoll) 2
Mr. Nemazee's Seyhoon (late Rochester), 11st 1lb (Mr. Sedgwick) 3
Mr. Adams' Crest, 10st 10lb (Mr. Adams) 0
Mr. Cire's Fairylight, 11st 1lb (Mr. Doyle) 0
Mr. Dryasdust's Maybe, 10st 12lb (Mr. Sutton) 0
Mr. H. Hancock's Dun Duke, 10st 10lb. (Mr. Reid) 0
Mr. Soares' Black Cat, 10st 11lb (Mr. Soares) 0

Four false starts. When the field got off, Maybe was left, Fairylight led followed by Seyhoon, Tytam Chief, Vivat, Crest, Black Cat, and Dun Duke. Maybe brought up the rear at a distance of three lengths. Rounding the bend, Fairylight was first and Seyhoon second. Passing the winning post for the first time Seyhoon was first, Fairylight second and Tytam Chief third, Vivat was fifth. He got into third place when round the bend. Tytam Chief was going well in the second place. At the stretch Fairylight led, followed by Tytam Chief and Vivat. At the bend this order was unchanged, these three ponies being four lengths in front of the others. Vivat led at the straight with Tytam Chief second, at the winning post, Vivat who was still leading, won comfortably by three lengths. Tytam Chief came in second, a length and a half separating him from Seyhoon who was third.

Time, 2min. 39secs.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner,		$ 20.40
Places:—1st		$ 5.90
" 2nd		$ 5.60
" 3rd		$ 5.80
Cash Sweeps:—		
Ticket No. 328,	1st	$1,584.00
" " 91,	2nd	$ 452.00
" " 73,	3rd	$ 226.00
Unplaced ponies		$ 125.00
Commission		$ 423.00
Total		$2,810.00

Unplaced ponies, $25.00 each, ticket Nos. 520, 231, 91, 377, 203, 476.

187 tickets were sold on Vivat, to win.

353 tickets were sold on Vivat, for place.

486 tickets were sold on Tytam Chief, for place.

185 tickets were sold on Seyhoon, for place.

6.—THE "ALSO RAN" STAKES.—Winner $250; Second $100; Third $50. For Subscription Griffins of this Season that have run at this Meeting and not been placed. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have not had more than two winning mounts in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong or China allowed 7lb. Off-day Winners barred. Four ponies to start or race becomes void. One mile.

Mr. Lowe's Variety, 11st 1lb (Mr. Moller) 1
Mr. Lux's Gris-Gris, 11st 1lb (Mr. Knoll) 2
Messrs. Thomas' & Sedgwick's Fairdooze, 11st 1lb (Mr. Sedgwick) 3
Mr. Adams' White Fang, 11st 8lb (Mr. Adams) 0
Mr. Dryasdust's Stiggins, 10st 9lb (Mr. Sutton) 0
Mr. Buxey's Hector, 10st 2lb (Mr. Mody) 0
Mr. Dash's Gadfly, 10st 8lb (Mr. Doyle) 0

A good start. Passing the winning post for the first time Gris-Gris was first, followed by White Fang. At the bend Hector beat Gris-Gris who was followed by Fairdooze and White Fang. At the stretch Hector was one length in front. Gris-Gris was going strong in second place. Going by the Black Rock, Gris-Gris led, followed by Gadfly and Variety at second and third. Gris-Gris still led comfortably with Variety coming up strongly when rounding the bend. First past the winning post was Variety, who won easily by two lengths from Gris-Gris, who was a length and a half ahead of Fairdooze.

Time, 2min. 11secs.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner,		$ 13.20
Places:—1st		$ 5.90
" 2nd		$ 5.90
" 3rd		$ 7.20
Cash Sweeps:—		
Ticket No. 731	1st	$ 2220.00
" " 311	2nd	$ 634.00
" " 483	3rd	$ 317.00
Unplaced ponies		$ 100.00
Commission		$ 579.00
Total		$3,850.00

Unplaced ponies, $25,00 each, ticket Nos. 13, 748, 688, 283.

213 tickets on Variety, for Win

247 tickets on Variety for place

242 tickets on Gris Gris for place

100 tickets on Fairdooze for place.

7.—THE "LOITERERS" STAKES.—Winner $250; Second $100; Third $50. For all Griffins that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription Griffins that have run at this Meeting and been placed second allowed 3 lb., those that have been placed third allowed 5 lb. Unplaced Subscription Griffins allowed 10 lb. Jockeys who have not had more than two winning mounts in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong or China allowed 7 lb. Off-day Winners barred. Four ponies to start or race becomes void. Once round.

Mr. Fash's Pink Eye, 11st 4lb (Mr. Dalgleish) 1
Mr. H. Humphrey's Grey Mouse, 10st 12lb (Mr. Knoll) 2
Mr. John Peel's Alexander, 11st 1lb (Mr. Reid) 3
Mr. T. F. Hough's Bend Or, 10st 10lb (Mr. Kremer) 0
Sir Ellis's American Chief, 10st 9lb (Mr. Moller) 0
Sir Ellis's Congo Chief, 10st 9lb (Mr. Sutton) 0

A very good start. Pink Eye and Grey Mouse led the field. The same order prevailed at the bend. American Chief was running strong. The field was in a bunch with Pink Eye a little in front. At the Black Rock Grey Mouse drew up almost level with the leader. American Chief was on the outside. Pink Eye still held his lead when coming in the straight, and won comfortably by three lengths from Grey Mouse who was second. Bend Or and Alexander were dead heat for third place, one length behind Grey Mouse.

Time, 1min. 54 3/5secs.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner,		$ 10.90
Places:—1st		$ 5.70
" 2nd		(Bend Or) $ 6.10
" 3rd		$ 6.00 (Alexander)
Cash Sweeps:—		
Ticket No. 625,	1st	$2,404.50
" " 96,	2nd	$ 687.00
" " 10,	3rd	$ 171.75
" " 397,		$ 171.75
Unplaced ponies		$ 50.00
Commission		$ 615.00
Total		$4,100.00

Unplace ponies $25,00 each ticket Nos. 281, 626, 397.

389 tickets were sold on Pink Eye to win.

328 tickets were sold on Pink Eye for place.

204 tickets were sold on Grey Mouse for place.

116 tickets were sold on Alexander for place.

168 tickets were sold on Bend Or for place.

8.—THE "FINALE" STAKES.—Winner $250; Second $100; Third $50. For Subscription Griffins of this Season that have run at this Meeting and not won a race. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have not had more than two winning mounts in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Unplaced runners at this Meeting allowed 5 lb. Off-day Winners barred. Four ponies to start or race becomes void. Five furlongs.

Mr. H. Dowbiggin's Dalesman, 11st 1lb (Mr. Reid) 1
Mr. Wayfoong's Wedding Bells, 9st 10lb (Mr. Sedgwick) 2
Mr. Nemazee's Jeyhoon, 10st 9lb (Mr. Doyle) 3
Mr. Buxey's Hector, 9st 11lb (Mr. Mody) 0
Mr. F. F. Gibbings' Tobay, 9st 9lb (Mr. Sutton) 0
Mr. Adams' Cassius, 10st 10lb (Mr. Adams) 0
Mr. Horsford's Bannock, 10st 10lb (Mr. Kremer) 0
Messrs. Murray & Leitch's Woodworker, 10st 10lb (Mr. Moller) 0
Messrs. G. & G.'s First Fiddle, 11st 1lb (Mr. Knoll) 0
Mr. Billiard's Losing Hazard, 10st 5lb (Mr. Evans) 0
Dr. Forsyth's Morning Star, 10st 12lb 0

There were two false starts. When the field got off, three ponies were in front all abreast. First Fiddle led up the incline. At the Black Rock, Cassius got into first place. This order was unchanged when rounding the bend. In the straight Dalesman led with the others behind in a bunch. Bannock, who ran on the outside, showed up well. Dalesman came in at the winning post first, just a neck ahead of Wedding Bells, who was half a length in front of the third pony, Jeyhoon.

Time, 1min. 18secs.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner,		$ 62.40
Places:—1st		$ 21.20
" 2nd		$ 5.00
" 3rd		$ 31.90
Cash Sweeps:—		
Ticket No. 662	1st	$2,835.00
" " 279	2nd	$ 810.00
" " 330	3rd	$ 405.00
Unplaced ponies		$ 200.00
Commission		$ 750.00
Total		$5,000.00

Unplaced ponies, $25.00 each, ticket Nos. 323, 59, 747, 631, 767, 401, 984, 136.

75 tickets were sold on Dalesman, to win.

53 tickets were sold on Dalesman, for place.

276 tickets were sold on Wedding Bells, for place.

32 tickets were sold on Jeyhoon, for place.

At this race the cash sweeps, 1,000 in all, were sold out, this making the only occasion in the whole season in which all the tickets were sold.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

An election of a member of the Sanitary Board will take place on March 10.

The Jury lists appear in a supplement to this weeks' Government Gazette.

Canton has received many telegrams from other parts of China not to demolish the Confucian Temple when making city improvements.

The election of a Legislative Councillor to serve in Mr. Pollock's place takes place on March 10. Mr. C. G. Alabaster's election address is already out. He was proposed by Mr. C. Montague Ede.

Mr. C. McI. Messer's appointment as Colonial Treasurer and Collector of Stamp Revenue, in place of Mr. A. M. Thompson, retired, is gazetted. Other appointments gazetted are Mrs. Hickling to be a member of the Medical Board (in place of Mrs. Gale) and of Dr. G. H. Thomas to the same in place of Dr. Sanders. Lieut. M. W. Stevens is appointed Assistant Government Analyst.

WEATHER REPORT.

March 1d. 12h. 08m.—No returns from Japan and Vladivostock. Pressure has decreased slightly at all reporting stations, the anticyclone having weakened and moved eastward

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 2.13 inches, against an average of 3.17 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on March 2, 1919.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: E. or variable winds, moderate; cloudy, fog or mist.

2.—Formosa Channel: The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day At 3 p.m.	On date at 8 a.m.	On date at 3 p.m.
Barometer ...	29.97	29.94	29.92
Temperature	69	61	68
Humidity	78	96	89
Direction of Wind	ENE	E	E
Force	1	2	3
Weather	or	of	o.
Rain.....	0.10	0.00	0.00

Highest open air Temperature on the 28th 71
Lowest open air Temperature on the 1st 61

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Hongkong Observatory, March 1, 1919.

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March 2 to 9, 1919.

Day	Date	Hongkong Mean Time	Height	Hongkong Mean Time	Height
		h m	Feet	h m	Feet
Sun.	2	m 0 04	0.7	m 6 29 a	7.3
		7 0	8.1	7 29 p	8.1
Mon.	3	m 0 58	0.6	m 7 16	7.7
		10 0 a	7.2	8 46 a	7.4
Tues	4	m 10 23	0.9	m 4 07	7.3
		11 0 a	6.7	10 33 a	7.3
Wed	5	m 11 10	0.9	m 4 4	6.7
		11 46 a	6.1	9 22 a	7.4
Thur.	6	m 11 51	0.8	m 8 33	6.3
				6 15 a	7.3
Fri.	7	m 0 37	0.7	m 6 18	7.2
		0 38 a	6.3	7 30 a	7.2
Sat	8	m 1 13	0.6	m 6 50	6.8
		1 34 a	6.3	9 1 a	6.8
Sun.	9	m 4 3	0.3	7 21	6.7
		5 44 a	6.5	10 48 a	6.8

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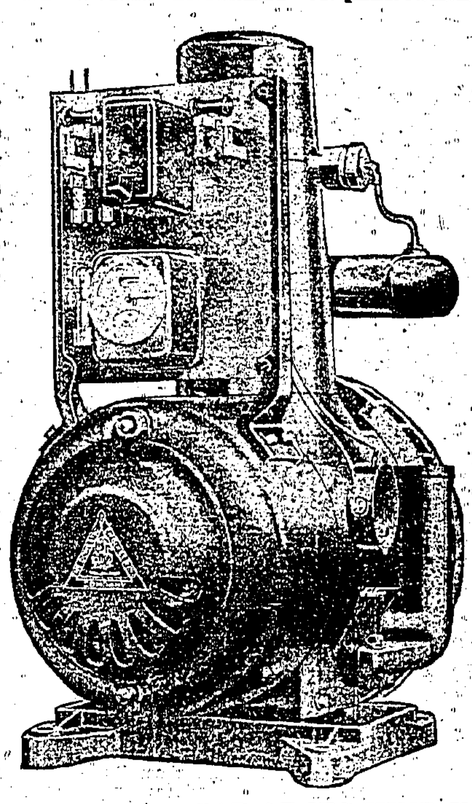
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Canton.—The conditions of trade were determined throughout the year by acute political disturbances and the bad effect of the European war, the former factor obstructing the progress of local industries and the latter restricting the transactions of foreign commerce. Since the outbreak of the war in Europe the trade of Canton has gradually deteriorated, and this feature was more noticeable during the year under review, despite a slight increase in the revenue as compared with the figures of the preceding year. As the Provincial Treasury was urgently in want of money to maintain the army, fantan gambling has been allowed to revive in the province since July. The gambling monopoly was farmed out to a company upon payment of an annual tax of $6,000,000. Gambling-houses have been opened in all directions, with the result that many are indulging in gambling, often with sad consequences to individuals and their families. A greater blow to the welfare and progress of Canton could not have been struck, and it would have been far preferable to have derived double the revenue by legitimate taxation than half the amount through the gambling monopoly. The moral effect on the people has been pernicious, and crimes of all kinds have increased considerably since gambling was authorised. Public opinion of the better classes is much against the vice, and it is to be hoped that this will assert itself unmistakably in the near future. Considering all the adverse circumstances and in the absence of Government encouragement, the partial dislocation of trade comes as no surprise. As matters stand at present, however, the local merchants are open to criticism, as far as local industries are concerned, for their frequent neglect to guard the commercial future against decline and for their failure to avail themselves of many opportunities to open up various sources of trade. Brigandage and piracy continued unabated, and the provincial attempts to cope with the evil were, judged by results, nil. It is regrettable to record the gradual but certain decay of Chanchuen as a trade centre. It is the highest point in the interior of the delta navigable to sea-going junks and in the old days was a thriving and busy port, with a line of regular junks to and from Annam, Singapore, the Islands, Hainan, Pakhoi and the coast, and Hongkong. The Canton junk trade has not yet been seriously affected by the competition of the Canton-Kowloon Railway; but with the shortly projected linking up of this with the Yueh-Han line junk conveyance of cargo must be adversely affected. We shall probably lose at once the entire export of limestone, of which 1,111,000 piculs were junk carried to Hongkong during 1917; and certain other exports and imports are bound to follow the line of least resistance.—Francis A. Carl, Commissioner of Customs.

Kowloon.—The value of the trade passing the stations in this district by junk and porterage during 1917 was Hk. Tls. 53,838,709, an increase of nearly 7 million taels over the previous year's total, while the value of the cargo carried by the Canton-Kowloon Railway over the frontier at Shumchun, viz., Hk. Tls. 3,523,624, represents an increase of over Hk. Tls. 600,000. Special mention may be made of the motor trade. Though small, it has progressed steadily and should increase still more when further new roads, now under construction on both island and mainland, are completed. An extension from Deep Water Bay to Shaukiwan will give a road round the island of Hongkong of some 24 miles in length, while the extension from Castle Peak Bay to Kowloon will complete a circular road for the greater part of the New Territories of about 55 miles in length. The revenue, derived from junk-borne and carrier-borne cargo amounted to Hk. Tls. 254,424, this being an all-round increase over the 1916 collection of more than Hk. Tls. 60,000. There was not any change during the year in the method of collection of provincial taxes. The revenue from rail-borne cargo totalled Hk. Tls. 84,007, an increase of nearly Hk. Tls. 30,000 beyond the 1916 collection and more than double that of 1915. The combined total for the year shows a revenue of Hk. Tls. 338,431, being an increase of Hk. Tls. 90,550 as compared with the preceding year's collection and, with the exception of the year 1913, the highest collection since 1909, in spite of the collection of those years including receipts from opium—another interesting instance of the recuperative powers of the Chinese and of the readiness with which trade responds to conditions that favour, if but haltingly, trade.—A. H. Harris, Commissioner of Customs.

Lappa.—The value of the trade passing through the stations in this district for the year 1917 was Hk. Tls. 16,283,502, which is an increase of Hk. Tls. 1,981,267 as compared with the figures for 1916. This improvement is due very largely to exports. The revenue collected advanced from Hk. Tls. 126,881 in 1916 to Hk. Tls. 144,744. The progress of trade was obstructed throughout the year by continual political unrest, strife and piracy. Bandits were so active that traffic was suspended on several occasions for a week or two and launches sought refuge in Macao waters. Some launches failed to escape and were pressed into the service of the pirates, but were eventually recovered by the authorities. As the Canton executive removed patrol launches and local guards from the vicinity of Lappa, this gave facilities to frequent and daring pirate raids. Cargo and valuables were seized and even passengers held to ransom. Notwithstanding these and other unfavourable features, the import and export trade and the revenue collection show an improvement compared with those for 1916 on account of the comparative decrease in piracy, which, for six months in 1916, had largely paralysed the traffic between Kongmoon, the West River, and the lower perfectures.—T. D. Moorhead, Commissioner of Customs.

Kongmoon.—The year under review may, upon the whole be considered a fairly satisfactory one. The total net value of the trade which passed through the Maritime Customs was Hk. Tls. 5,178,633. Compared with those of the previous year, these figures show a falling off of nearly 3 million taels in the value of imports and of Hk. Tls. 120,564 in that of exports. This is, however, merely due to the fact that the year 1916 was the best on record and therefore cannot serve as a comparison; it was, moreover, an abnormal one, as for several months junk-borne trade was seriously interfered with owing to political disturbances in the province and the prevalence of piracy in the delta; trade was therefore diverted to steamers and came under the cognisance of the Maritime Customs and resulted in swelling its revenue. Blackmailing letters were received from local gangs of brigands by the foreign firms at this port and also by the Customs, threatening to destroy official and private property if several thousand dollars were not delivered up within a certain time limit. Their plans, however, were frustrated by the vigilance of the provincial authorities. In the middle of the year trade conditions again became normal; but from September onward the political situation was fraught with suspense and danger, which were severely trying to the law-abiding population and hampered business transactions.—P. De Rautenfeld, Commissioner of Customs.

Samshui.—In the seemingly improved political state of the Province the year opened, to all appearances, full of promise, and during the earlier months some revival in trade was discernible; but the respite was short and the renewal of domestic discord quickly stifled any incipient recovery. While political differences were a cause of grave anxiety and the fear of active hostilities ensuing may be assumed to have contributed in no small degree to the lack of animation prevalent, yet the main influences bearing on commerce must be sought in the general depression existing in markets arising from the shortness of supplies of foreign goods, their enhanced cost, the difficulties and dangers of transport, and an absence of demand abroad for many native products. In support of this view it will be noted that domestic trade underwent very little change and that the interchange of commodities with foreign countries has been on a much reduced scale. Notwithstanding the rise in prices generally, the net value of trade, 613 million taels, is the lowest since 1911. Compared with the figures for 1916, there is a decline of 1.6 million taels. Foreign imports retrograded nearly 1.1 million taels and exports abroad over half a million taels. Imports of Chinese produce amounted to 0.82 million taels, and exports to Chinese ports to 1.19 million taels, the fall of Hk. Tls. 110,000 in the latter being almost offset by the rise of nearly Hk. Tls. 100,000 in the former. It is thus foreign trade in its two branches which has undergone a reduction which would be even more marked if it were not for the enhanced values of foreign imports, and more especially of textiles.—J. M. Moorhead, Commissioner of Customs.

Wuchow.—Depression caused by the political disturbances in Kwangtung and Kwangsi has been the outstanding feature of the year. The principal reason, however for the stagnant state of our import trade is to be found in the further rise in price of all the foreign commodities and the difficulties in financing purchases on the part of local merchants through the provincial prohibition of the export of Chinese coin. The imposition of a war tax on all imports into Kweichow and Yunnan, even when covered by transit passes, has caused a considerable shrinkage in the volume of trade between this port and the two neighbouring provinces. A manganese mine (the product being of fair quality) situated not far from Wuhsuan, on the Liuchow River, was opened in August and promises to give good results. Contracts were entered into with firms in Hongkong for the supply of some 4,000 tons of ore, but owing to the low state of the river and the difficulties of transport, supplies have been considerably restricted. The promising success of this mine has greatly stimulated the searching for further deposits in suitable localities near to river transport. A new local industry has sprung up at this port, namely, the making of motor-engines to burn liquid fuel. All are infringements of foreign patents, chiefly the "Bolinder" type of engine. Of the 36 motor-boats burning liquid fuel running in this district and inland, nearly 75 per cent. are provided with Chinese enghes of the "Bolinder" type made either in Wuchow or in Canton.—J. W. Loureiro, Commissioner of Customs.

Nanning.—The year has been a period wherein disturbed domestic politics and financial stringency have been the prime factors affecting all business interests. Business during the first quarter ran a normal course, but before the close of the second quarter a retrograde movement set in, and it was not until the December quarter that the district experienced a fairly satisfactory period of commercial prosperity. The weakening tendency of prices rendered business in aniseed oil, our principal commodity of export, extremely difficult, and dealers must be longing for the time when the Continental countries involved in the European war will again be in a position to take their normal supplies. The restriction limiting the export of Chinese silver coins remained in force throughout the year, initiative and enterprise being thereby much handicapped. But it was inevitable in existing circumstances that the provincial authorities should continue to control the movement of metallic money, as, apart from any other considerations, the question of financing their own necessities made much control absolutely essential. The rice harvests were very good. The net value of the trade was Hk. Tls. 6,999,366, as compared with Hk. Tls. 7,151,523 in 1916. The revenue collection during the year amounted to Hk. Tls. 143,966, and is second only to that of 1916, when receipts totalled Hk. Tls. 163,353. All headings, with the exception of tonnage dues, have decreased.—R. F. C. Hedgeland, Acting Commissioner of Customs.

Kiungchow.—The protracted war, with its consequent shortage of tonnage, high freights, and enhanced cost of all articles from Europe, has adversely affected the trade of Kiungchow, and there is a noticeable shrinkage in imports; whilst the political unrest throughout China, the disturbances in Kwangtung, and serious depreciation in the value of Hongkong bank-notes have appreciably diminished exports. In the island itself, however, there is a marked increase of interest in rubber cultivation. This is at present chiefly undertaken by returned emigrants from the Malay States, and it bids fair to develop into an important industry. Since 1910, 6,000 and 45,000 rubber trees have been planted, in an area of 215 and 1,600 *mou* in the Kachek and Nodoa districts by the Kiung An and Ch'iao Hsing Companies respectively. Two years ago rubber was tapped by the King An Co. from 2,000 trees, whilst this year 3,000 trees were utilised, these producing 11 catties a day. Twenty-three piculs were exported to Singapore either direct or through Hongkong and Bangkok during the year. Export is made in sheets measuring on an average 16 in. in length, 10 in. in width, and ¼ in. in thickness. Prices obtained from the last shipment realised only $48 per picul whereas the first consignment sent to Singapore brought in $100 a picul and was reported to be of first quality. Some months ago Lin I-shun, a Cantonese merchant in Singapore, obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce a grant of 500,000 mou of land on which to grow 5,000,000 rubber trees. When they are in a flourishing condition he guarantees to pay a royalty of $5,000,000 to the Government.—C. Talbot Bowring, Acting Commissioner of Customs.

Pakhoi.—The result of the year's trade has been satisfactory to the merchants and fair profits were realised. No failures occurred during the year. The net total value of the trade of the port amounts to Hk. Tls. 2,721,226, as against Hk. Tls. 2,996,090 in 1916, showing a decrease of Hk. Tls. 274,864—namely, Hk. Tls. 16,932 in foreign goods imported, Hk. Tls. 4,018 in Chinese produce imported, and Hk. Tls. 253,914 in the value of exports of local origin. Want of tonnage and of regular communication with Hongkong resulted in a decrease in the volume of trade, and the revenue of the port, in sympathy with this decrease, has suffered to an appreciable extent. Encouraged by the great rise in the price of coal, the Yueh Feng Co., which in 1914 obtained the concession for the exploitation of a coal mine at Nimtzeping, 45 li from Yanchow, started operations in July. The mine is not worked on foreign principles, mining operations being conducted by Chinese in their own primitive way. Notwithstanding the heavy cost of transportation from the mines, the coal is laid down at Pakhoi at $12 a ton. A shipment to Japan of manganese from the Yu Ch'in Co.'s mines near Nata was made during February. This ore was accumulated previous to the mine being shut down. It is to be regretted that the development of this enterprise has not been encouraged. The Chuchow-Yamchow Railway surveying party passed through this district in the early part of the year. The arrival of the civil engineers caused some excitement, as it indicated the early construction of the railroad, and some speculation in land resulted. The line will start from Chuchow, in Hunan, and run in a south-westerly direction, with its terminus at Yamchow city an important centre 80 miles to the north-west of Pakhoi, whose seaport, Lungmoon, is of sufficient depth to accommodate steamers of light draught.—D. Percebois, Acting Commissioner of Customs.

CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING

The sixth annual ordinary general meeting of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd., was held in London on Dec. 19, Mr. W. F. Turner (chairman of the company) presiding.

The Chairman, in the course of his remarks, said: The accounts for the year ended July 31 last, which we are submitting to you to-day, show a remarkable increase of profit over the preceding year to June 30, 1917, which in its turn had shown a substantial increase over the profit for the year to June 30, 1916. The profit shown in the accounts is £576,555, whilst the profit of the preceding year was £291,562. The increase is due to several causes. First there has been a small increase in the total sales of coal, which amounted to very little short of 3,000,000 tons, the exact figure being 2,996,668 tons. Next, owing to various causes, there has been an increase in the profit per ton, and finally, as is pointed out in the directors' report, the profits have again been materially increased by the rise in the rates of exchange, which continued throughout the year. A similar statement was made in the report for the preceding year, but, in order that there may be no misapprehension in the minds of shareholders, we deem it necessary to go into this part of the subject in some detail. The rate of exchange at which our share of the profits of the Kailan Mining Administration for the year ended June 30, 1916, figured in our profit and loss account was 1s. 11 7-16d. per dollar. The rate last year at June 30, 1917, was 2s. 5¾d. per dollar, whilst the rate this year is 3s. 2½d. per dollar. The significance of these figures cannot escape you. The effect of the rise of the rate of exchange is that our share of the profit of the Kailan Mining Administration, which is 3,299,397 dollars has produced about £120,000 more in sterling than it would have done at the rate which figured in the accounts of the preceding year. You can make your own calculation as to what the effect would be if our profit for the year had had to be taken into the accounts at the rate of 1s. 11 7-16d., which I have given you for the year ended June 30, 1916, a figure which from our experience may be taken as about the normal one. After adding interest in China, less some trifling expenses, the profit brought to the credit of the account is £546,549. Interest, £37,049, shows a large increase over the preceding year, owing to the rapid accumulation of funds, which you will find set out in the balance-sheet. The other items, amounting together to £4,265, require no comment. The total credit of the profit and loss account is £587,000. The expenses on the other side of the account are practically the same. The balance for the year is £576,555. To this there is added the surplus from the preceding year of £202,835, after deduction of the final dividend and also of excess profits duty, making a total credit of £779,390. On the other side you have income-tax which, as you all know, is at the rate of 30 per cent., amounting to £54,023. The next item is reserve for excess profits duty, estimated at £350,000, which compares with £83,810 for the preceding year. This is a somewhat startling figure, but the subject is so familiar, if, indeed, it be not threadbare, that I do not propose to dwell upon it. The next item is the interim dividend of 5 per cent., free of income-tax, which was paid on May 15 last, amounting to £50,000. There remains, therefore, the sum of £325,367, which is carried to the balance-sheet. Out of this it is proposed that a further dividend of 10 per cent. be declared, free of income-tax, making a total of 15 per cent., free of income-tax, for the year, which will leave a balance of £225,367.

The balance-sheet totals show an increase of over £400,000. There is an increase in the creditors in round figures of about £100,000. This is due almost entirely to dividend and debenture coupons and to debentures drawn for redemption which have not been presented for payment, and this, as we have explained on previous occasions, is due to the conditions brought about by the war. Large numbers of bearer shares and of Kailan bonds are held in Belgium and in the recently occupied parts of France. These arrears have consequently been accumulating since the end of the year 1914. Now that these countries have happily been liberated, and when free communication with them has been fully restored, the liabilities will rapidly decrease. We are, indeed, expecting to be able to pay a very considerable sum before the end of the present month. The cash at bankers and in hand in Brussels on May 31, 1915, was £68,842. We have explained on previous occasions that practically the whole of this amount was seized by the Germans during their occupation of Brussels and carried off to Berlin. We are informed by Mr. Cartier, one of our colleagues, who has just arrived from Brussels, that the repayment of this amount by the Germans is expected, hourly, if it has not already taken place. We shall in due course receive accounts from our bankers, and this item, which has stood in our balance-sheet for several years unchanged will be adjusted. The debtors, £83,885, are about £18,000 less than in the previous balance-sheet. There remains only the question of the prospect for the current year. Owing to the absence of Major Nathan on business in Japan, we have not yet received the usual statement of his views on this subject, but the facts which are in our possession enable us to say that, whilst we must not look for a recurrence of the exceptional results with which we have been dealing, the result for the present year must still be a very satisfactory one. It will now move:

"That the directors' report and accounts at June 30, 1918, be, and they are hereby received and adopted, and that a final dividend be declared of 10 per cent., less of income-tax (making 15 per cent. for the year, free of income-tax), payable on December 20, 1918."

Colonel H. A. Micklem, C.M.G., D.S.O., seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously. Mr. Emile Francqui and Mr. W. F. Turner were re-elected as directors and Messrs. Annan Dexter & Co. were reappointed as auditors. A vote of thanks was accorded the chairman and directors, and, the Chairman having acknowledged the compliment, the proceedings terminated.

BRITISH TRANSPORT OF U.S. TROOPS.

In a statement given by the Shipping Controller to the American Associated Press on the amount of British shipping that was used for the conveyance of American troops to Europe during the critical period of the war he says:—

"From South Africa we removed every passenger steamer, and for the time being practically killed trade with that country. From India and Australia we removed all fast passenger steamers plying to and between those two countries. We made very dangerous sacrifices of meat supplies, endangering even those of the British Army by transferring ships to the North Atlantic, thus wasting refrigerator space, as meat was not available for export from North American ports.

"Our loss of essential imports owing to the fitting out of ships for the carriage of American troops amounted to well over one million tons. That sacrifice of imports was made at a time when our total imports had been reduced to 32 millions a year, of which 14 millions were munitions and 13 millions essential foodstuffs, as compared with a peace figure of 54 millions. While the sacrifice to Great Britain was heavy, the practical isolation for the time being of the Oversea Dominions involved very serious hardships to those Dominions—hardships which were borne without complaint, the Dominions recognizing the vital necessity of the measures taken."

TANGOEL RUBBER.

The general meeting of the Tangoel Rubber Estates, Ltd., was held on December 10, in London, Mr. Walter Hilliers (chairman of the company) presiding. As regarded the cost price, he presumed the shareholders would agree with him that it was satisfactory that they were able to lower the cost of their rubber by something like 2d. per lb. as against the previous year. With regard to the price realised, there was no doubt that it was a very low one, but the principal cause was the condition of the market. They all knew that prices had fallen very substantially, but on the other hand the figure given in the report, did not truly represent the price at which they had sold their crops. They had some contracts running at very much higher prices, but owing to the shipping difficulties, and the necessity of obtaining licenses, and so on, it became quite impossible for a time to ship any but a quite small quantity against those contracts. Stocks accumulated, and it became necessary to sell off a part of this at a time when prices were very low indeed. Had these contracts come into this year the prices realised would have been substantially higher. The result was that these contracts would be carried out in the current year, and the benefit would be shown in the next account. The chairman concluded by moving the adoption of the report and accounts.

Sir Edward Rosling, in seconding said that as the chairman had pointed out, the year had been one of very great difficulty for all rubber growers, and those in Java had suffered even greater trouble than those in other parts of the East. At certain times rubber was practically unsaleable. Since hostilities ceased things had improved somewhat, and there was a freer local market. They could not possibly say what the future had in store; it depended upon the progress of reconstruction and the amount of tonnage available. There were large stocks in the East to be moved, and those who professed to know did not think they were too large for American requirements when things became more normal. As regarded the actual effect on their company, it was expected that the contracts entered into last year which had not been completed would come into this year and improve the current year's average price. The report and the condition of the estates were most satisfactory.

ENTERPRISING CHINESE TRADERS.

The U.S. Commercial Attache Julean Arnold, Shanghai, in a recent report remarks that the new store of the Wing On Co., which was recently opened on the principal business thoroughfare of Shanghai, is the second large, modern Chinese department store to be opened there, the other being that of the Sincere Co., which latter firm completed its building about two years ago. The establishment of these modern Chinese stores in Shanghai, says Mr. Arnold, marks a new era in retail business in China, for it indicates that the great bulk of the retail trade in China will, before long, be handled by Oriental rather than by Occidental concerns.

These Chinese department stores are able to quote much lower prices on the same line of goods than can the shops under foreign control and management. They also seem to be able to cater better to the wants of the Chinese population. It is significant that these large Chinese retail concerns give more consideration to their customers in meeting the unfavourable subsidiary coinage conditions in this country. For example, $1 silver exchanges for $1.10 to $1.20 in subsidiary coins. It has been the custom of the foreign retail establishments in China to take advantage of this inequality in exchange, whereas the Chinese concerns make full change on the market subsidiary-coin value of the dollar. Furthermore, the foreign shops give their customers no advantage on favourable silver exchange generally.

Both the Sincere Co. and the Wing On Co. are of Cantonese origin and have for years conducted establishments in Canton and Hongkong, where they have built up a large and profitable trade. Shanghai will probably afford them still larger market possibilities and bring them in touch with the dense population of the Yangtsze Valley regions. These companies are already considering the establishment of houses at Hankow, Peking, and Tientsin. It will probably not be many years before they have a chain of department stores throughout the important commercial centres of China.

They are assisting in a very substantial way in the Westernisation of Chinese society, for the crowds of Chinese who patronise these establishments come to understand Western goods more intimately than has been possible in the past. The stores serve, in a way, as huge museums of foreign goods, and the Chinese customers are tempted by the displays which confront them as they wander through the maze of aisles.

There is, however, one great exception to the tendency to adopt things Western, and that is in women's wearing apparel. Chinese women, up to the present, have shown no indication of changing their own wearing apparel for that of Western women, nor for adopting millinery. Their own costumes are subject to fashion changes as often and in as many different ways, probably, as is the costume of the Western women. For the better class and wealthier women, silk is the basis of the larger part of their apparel. The Chinese women are very fond of jewellery and, in place of expensive millinery, decorate their heads with gold, silver, and jewelled adornments. Ladies' watches are very popular, it being no uncommon sight to see one woman wearing a wrist watch and one or two pendent bejewelled watches. Wrist watches are very popular with the Chinese men also, so that there is an enormous business done in this article alone.

These department stores are carrying all sorts of foreign notions and a wonderfully varied line of foreign goods generally, all of which is stocked for Chinese consumption as the foreign population in China is relatively small.

One of the conspicuous features of these department stores is the hotel annex. These annexes are equipped with modern hotel fittings and serve foreign food in their dining rooms. It is significant that Western food is becoming very popular throughout the cities of China, but it must be served in Western style to be acceptable to the Chinese. In reality the Chinese seems to prefer his own food as a matter of taste, but the great popularity of things Western, which is noticeable throughout the country, has elevated the Western menu to a prominent place in Chinese hotels. The hotel annexes of the two department stores mentioned are very popular and seldom have any vacant rooms to offer, although the charges for these rooms range from $1.50 to $3 per day on the European plan. Considering the accommodations and facilities offered, this is even higher than the charges obtaining in many American cities, especially so now that the silver dollar is about on a par with the gold dollar.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

QUINQUAGESIMA, March 2nd.

Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.)
Matins (11 a.m.)
Responses, Ferial; Venite, Goss; Psalm, Oakeley; Te Deum, Oakeley in F.; Jubilate, Ouseley. Hymns, 269, 284.

God Save the King.

N.B.—Psalm 9, verses 1, 2, 7, 11, 18, 19 and 20 in unison. Hymn 269, verses 1, 3 and 4 in unison. Hymn 284, verses 1, 5 and 7 in unison.

Holy Communion (12 noon.)
Evensong (6 p.m.)
Responses, Ferial; Psalms, Turle and Flintoft; Magnificat, Davy (8th evening); Nunc Dimittis, Wesley. Hymns, 267, 265, 346.

N.B.—Psalm 19, verses 1, 2, 6 and 9 in unison. Psalm 13, verses 5 and 6 in unison. 14, verses 1, 2, 7 and 11 in unison. Hymn 267, verses 1 and 5 in unison. Hymn 265, verses 1, 4 and 7 in unison. Hymn 346, verses 1 and 8 in unison.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

QUINQUAGESIMA, March 2ND.

Morning Prayer at 11 a.m.
Voluntary Serenade Widor.
Responses, Ferial; Venite, Goss; Psalms, of the 2nd Morning:—IX Oakeley, X Tallis, Oakeley, XI Stainer; Te Deum, Woodward, Smart and Turle; Jubilate, Hayes. Hymns, 375 (A. & M. 340), 299, 334 (2nd Tune), 336 (A. & M. 289), 506 (A. & M. 335).
Evening Prayer at 6 p.m.
Opening Voluntary.
Responses, Ferial; Psalms, of the 2nd Evening:—XII Turle, XIV Flintoft; Magnificat, Barnby 11th Evening; Nunc Dimittis, Felton. Hymns, 560 (A. & M. 293), 276, 390, 265, 21.
Vesper Hymn.

Note:—Choir Practice next Thursday at 8 p.m.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.

Sunday Services, March 2nd.

Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Hymns, 10, 581, 399, 452, 428.
Preacher: Rev. C.G. Sparkam, London Mission, Shanghai.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Hymns, 381, 219, 388, 193, 352.
Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie.

St Peter's Church, West Point.

Sunday, March 2nd, 1919.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
Preacher: Mr. T. F. Fleming.

Peak Church.

8.15 a.m.—Holy Communion.

The Gospel Hall.

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Weekly Services.—Sunday: Breaking of Bread for Believers only, 11 a.m. Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday, Bible study, 8 p.m.
Friday, Ladies' Bible study, 5.30 p.m.
Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

First Church of Christ Scientist, MacDonnell Road.

Sundays, 11 a.m.
Wednesdays, 5.30 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchai.

Morning Service, 10.15 a.m.
Evening Service, 6.15 p.m.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Arsenal Street.

Sunday Evening, Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road.

Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m. followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Glenealy.

Mass at 6, 7 and 9.30 a.m.
High Mass at 8 a.m.
5.30 p.m.—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

A CHINESE NURSE.

The appearance of a young Chinese woman acting as a Bellevue Hospital ambulance surgeon recently created quite a sensation on the streets of New York. The young woman was Dr. Pang-yuen Tseo, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ling-han Tseo, of Nanchang, China, who is putting the finishing touches to her medical education in the United States by a course as interne at Bellevue. Dr. Tseo was graduated from a boarding School in Kiukiang, China, and went to America in 1909 with the first class of Chinese girls sent out by the Chinese Educational Mission. She first attended North-Western University, taking her degree in 1911. A three-year course in science and a year in medicine followed at the University of Michigan, after which Dr. Tseo completed a three-year course at the University of Chicago, receiving her doctor's degree.

COMMERCIAL.

N.S.W. MINERAL PRODUCTION.

The Mines Department announces that the mineral production for 1917 was valued at £12,052,219, which is the highest in the history of the State, and it is expected that the 1918 figures though they will not be available for some weeks, will come very near to last year's total. The department estimates the aggregate mineral production to the end of 1918 at about £300,000,000.

MENGKIBOL RUBBER.

The seventh ordinary general meeting of the Mengkibol (Central Johore) Rubber Company, Limited, was held at London, on December 13, Lieut.-Col. Arthur J. Barry, R.E., presiding.

The Chairman said: Referring to the accounts, you will see that the year's crop was 282,401 lbs., or only 17,600 lbs. short of the estimate. The manager's estimated cost of production was 1s. 4½d. per lb., but this was on the low side. We have charged to revenue account a proportion of the expenditure on immature areas, so that the Singapore cost works out at about 1s. 6½d. per lb. Rubber realised £28,387, leaving a profit of £2,770 on the Singapore cost, but from this we have written off £1,951 for depreciation, while interest absorbs £2,537 and general charges £1,000, so that there is a net loss of £2,839 on the year's operations. Had our rubber fetched the same price as in 1916—i.e., 2s. 4d. per lb. instead of a fraction over 2s.—we should have been able to show a net profit, after paying all expenses, of nearly £2,000, instead of this loss of £2,839.

SEPANG VALLEY RUBBER.

The report of the Board of Directors of Sepang Valley Estate, Ltd., to be presented to the shareholders at the fifth ordinary general meeting of the company to be held at the registered office on Monday, April 14, 1919, is as follows:—

The directors beg to submit their report with the audited accounts for the year ended December 31, 1918.

The profit for the year to	$49,648.19
To which has to be added the balance brought forward from the previous year	29,621.80
	$73,264.99
which is subject to the following deductions:—	
5 per cent. interim dividend paid January 18, 1918	8,435.25
	$64,829.74
This your directors propose should be dealt with as follows:—	
To pay a final dividend of 15 per cent. on the paid-up capital of the company (making 20 per cent. for the year), absorbing	$25,307.75
To pay a donation to the Planters' War Fund ...	500
To pay directors' fees for 1918	900
To transfer to reserve increasing the total of this account to $65,000	5,000
To carry forward	33,123.99
	$64,829.74

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OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

11 A.M.

BANKS.
Hongkong Banks, ... $782½ sa.

MARINE INSURANCES.
Canton Ins. $410 b.
North China Ins. ... T. 124 b.
Union Ins. ... $1025 b., 1040 sa.
Yangtsze Ins. $210 b.
Far Easterns T. 26 n.

FIRE INSURANCES.
China Fire Ins.$175 b.
Hongkong Fire Ins.... ... $355 n.

SHIPPING.
Douglases $93½ n.
H.K. Steamboats...$70½ b., 91/20½ sa.
Indo Chinas (Prof.)... ... $31½ b.
Do. (Def.) $158 n.
Shell Transports 162/6 n.
Star Ferries $37½ b.

REFINERIES.
China Sugars $113 b.
Malabon Sugars ...$35 b. ex div.

MINING.
Kailan Mining Adm.... ... 47/- b.
Langkats T. 23½ sa.
Raubs...$3 b.
Tronoh Mines... 40/- n.
Ural Caspians 40/- n.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.
H. & K. Wharfs $116 b.
H. & W. Docks $160 b.
Shai Docks T 133 b.
New Engineerings ... T. 85½ b.

LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.
Central Estates$101 b.
Hongkong Hotels $90 n.
Hongkong Lands $100 b.
Humphreys $7.10 b.
Kowloon Lands $33 b.
Land Reclamations ... T. 175 n.
West Points $88 n.

COTTON MILLS.
Ewo Cottons ...T. 187 b., 187 sa.
Kung Yiks T 147½ b.
Laou Kung Mows T 133 b.
Orientals T 87 b.
Shanghai Cottons T160 b., 157½ sa.
Yangtszepoos T 9 sa.

MISCELLANEOUS.
Cements$8.90 b., 9 sa.
China-Borneos$11 b.
China Lights $5 b.
China-Providents $3½ b.
Dairy Farms, ...$27½ b.
H.K. Electrics$77½ sa.
Macao Do.$33½ b.
Hongkong Ropes $40½ s., 40½ sa.
H.K. Tramways ...$8 b., 8.10s.
Peak Tramways (Old)... $7.15 b.
do. (New) ... $.70 b.
Steam Laundries $3.60 b.
H.K. Steel Foundries... ... $12 n.
Water-boats $12½ b.
Watsons $6.10 b.
Powells $94 b.
Wisemans... $37 b.

Don't Worry! I'm here.

KEATING'S KILLS BUGS FLEAS MOTHS BEETLES

TINS 3'6 & 1'-

INTIMATIONS

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TA[illegible]

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m....Every 15 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m....Every 10 minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m....Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m....Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m....Every 20 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.
Saturdays only...Every 15 minutes.
3.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
3.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Saturdays only...Every 15 minutes.
4.03 p.m. to 5.00 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m....Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS.

8.30 p.m., 9.30 p.m., 10 p.m., 10.30 p.m., 11 p.m., 11.30 p.m. and 11.45 p.m.

SUNDAYS.

7.30 a.m.
8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m....Every 15 minutes
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m....Every 10 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12 noon Every 15 minutes.
12.00 noon to 12.30 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
2.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
5.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m....Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SATURDAYS EXTRA CARS.

1.30 p.m. and 12 midnight.

SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at the Company's Office, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, Des Voeux Road Central.

Season and punch tickets available for all cars not already full running at the time stated in the Company's time tables, but not for special cars, can be obtained on application at the Company's Office. No Season ticket will be issued until payment therefor has been made in Bank Notes or by Cheque or Compradore order representing Bank Notes.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, *General Managers.*

ASAHI BEER



SOLE AGENTS:
MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, February 28, 1919.

On London—	
Bank, Wire	3/1½
,, On-demand	3/1⅞
,, 30 days' sight ...	3/1⅞
,, 4 months' sight, ...	3/1⅞
Credits, 4 months' sight, ...	3/2
Documentary, 4 months' sight	3/2
On Paris—	
On demand, ...	404
Credits, 4 months' sight, ...	421
On New York—	
On demand, ...	———
Credits, 60 days' sight, ...	———
On Bombay—	
Wire, ...	nom.
On demand, ...	———
On Calcutta—	
Wire, ...	nom.
On demand...	———
On Singapore—	
On demand, ...	122
On Manila—	
On demand, ...	150
On Shanghai—	
On demand	nom.
30 days' sight (private paper)	———
On Yokohama—	
On demand	143½
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) ...	44.80
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9 6.25 n.
Silver (per oz.)	47½ d.
Bar Silver in Hongkong ...25	⅞ pm. a.
Chinese Copper Cash	2½ pm.
Chinese Copper Cents... ...	0 ⅞ pm.
Rate of Native Interest ...	7 % p.a.
Chinese Silk Coin	41 ⅞ dis.
Hongkong Sub. Coin	par.

BANKS.

THE BANK OF CHINA.

GOVERNMENT BANK.

行銀國中

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of 22nd November, 1917).

Authorised Capital	$60,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital	12,279,800.00
Reserve Funds	3,197,400.00

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.

BRANCHES AND SUB-BRANCHES

PEKING: Haitine, Tungchow. NORTH: Miyun, Chohsien, Pahsien, Nihhsien(2), Hsuanhua. CHIHLI: Tientsin—Paotsafu, Lutai, Tsinhaisien, Sangfang, Shuntehfu, Tangshan, Taming, Cholubsien, Weinsien. MANCHURIA: Changchun, Moukden, Kirin, Tsitsihar, Newchang, Liaoyuanchow, Hsiao, Hsinmingfu, Tsocanfu, Harbin, Dalny, Antung, Tiehling, Chinghsien, Sifeng, Hulan, Suiwafu, Hailunfu, Ninguta, Kungchuling, Liaoyang, Fuyu, Yenchi, Saipingsien. HUPEH: Hankow, Shasi, Ichang. HUNAN: Changsha. KIANGSU: Shanghai, Nanking, Soochow, Yangchow, Chinkiang, Wusih, Hsuchowfu, Tungchow. SOUTH: Tsinkiangpo. SHANTUNG: Tsinan, Tsingtao, Chefoo, Tenghsien, Lintsinhsien. SHANSI: Taiyuanfu, Yunsheng, Sinkianhsien, Tatungfu. HONAN: Kaifeng, Chowkiakow, Huhsien. KWANGTUNG: Hongkong, Canton, Swatow, Kiungchow. FUKIEN: Foochow, Amoy, Hankong, Chuanchowfu, Changchowfu, Santuao. CHEKIANG: Hanchow, Shaohsing, Huchowfu, Kashing, Wenchow, Ningpo, Lanchi, Yuyan, Haimen. KIANGSI: Nanchang, Kiukiang, Kanchowfu, Chintehchen, Chian. ANWHEI: Wuhu, Anking, Pangfow, Luchowfu, Tatung, Tungki, Luan. SZECHUEN: KUEICHOW: Kweivangfu. SHANSI: Siantu, Hanzchunfu. SUIYUAN: Kweihwating, Paotowchen. TSAHAR: Kalgan Fengchen, URGA: Urga, Hakistao.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Interest allowed on current accounts and fixed Deposits. Terms on application. Every description of Banking Business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities. Special facilities for home exchange.

TSUYEE PEI, Manager.

Hongkong, Feb. 25, 1919.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE: No. 2 Queen's Road Central.

PAID-UP CAPITAL $2,000,000.

DIRECTORS:
Mr. Pong Wai Ting,—Chairman.
Mr. Chow Shou Son, Mr. Li Koon Chun.
Mr. Kan Yuen Po, Mr. Mok Ching Kong.
Mr. Chan Ching Shek, Mr. Wong Yuen Tong.

CHIEF MANAGER: Mr. Kan Tong Po.
ASST. MANAGER: Mr. Li Tse Fong.

All Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities. Terms moderate.

Interest allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum, and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates,
For 3 months at the rate of 3½ per annum.
For 6 months at the rate of 4½ per annum.
For 12 months at the rate of 5½ per annum.

KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.

(TAIWANGINKO).

INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER, 1899.

Capital Subscribed...	Yen 30,000,000.
Capital (Paid-up) ...	,, 25,000,000.
Reserve Funds	,, 5,680,000.

HEAD OFFICE: TAIPEH, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES:
JAPAN—TOKYO, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, OSAKA, MOJI.
FORMOSA—GIRAN, KAGI, KARENKO, KEELUNG, MAKUNG, PINAN, SHINCHIKU, TAICHU, TAINAN, TAKOW, TAMSUI, TOKYEN, AKO.
CHINA—SHINGHAI, HANKOW, KIUKIANG, AMOY, FOOCHOW, SWATOW, CANTON.
OTHERS—HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, SOURABAJA, SEMARANG, BATAVIA, BOMBAY, LONDON, NEW YORK.

LONDON BANKERS:
Capital and Counties Bank, London, and South-Western Bank, Parr's Bank.

The Bank has Correspondents in the Commercial Centres in European Continent, Russia, Manchuria, Tsingtao, Chosen, Japan, Indo-China, Siam, India, Philippine Islands, Java, and other Dutch Indies, Australia, America, Africa, &c.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits at rates which will be quoted on application.

NAOKICHI YANAGITA, Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH:
2, Des Voeux Road.
Hongkong, May 1, 1918.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

(Capital Paid up ... $1,250,000.)

Loans on Mortgage of House Property, &c. Goods received on Storage, Advances made on Merchandize. Loans made on the Provident System. TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS, ATTORNEY, &c. Undertaken and Executed. (Rate and Particulars on application) To the Office of SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., *General Managers.*

BRIDGE SCORERS.

In Blocks of 50 SHEETS. 30 cents each. Four for One Dollar.

Obtainable at The China Mail Ltd., 5 Wyndham Street.

BANKS

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL	$15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS—	
Sterling £1,500,000=$21,000,000	
Silver	21,000,000
	$36,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS	$15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
J. A. Plummer, Esq.,—Chairman.
E. V. D. Parr, Esq.,—Deputy Chairman.
A. H. Compton, Esq. Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.
Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. D. Landale.
G. T. M. Edkins, Esq.
C. S. Gubbay, Esq. W. L. Patterson, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER: Hongkong—N. J. STABB, Esq.

MANAGER: Shanghai—A. G. STEPHEN, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON COUNTY & WESTMINSTER & PARR'S BANK, LTD.

HONGKONG—DEPOSITS RECEIVED On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 3 months 2½ per cent. per annum.
,, 6 ,, 3½ ,, ,,
,, 12 ,, 4 ,, ,,

N. J. STABB, *Chief Manager.*

Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1919.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3½ PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.
N. J. STABB, *Chief Manager.*

Hongkong May 14, 1918. 817

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ...	Francs 40,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL	,, 25,500,000
(1/3 of the Capital, i.e., Francs 15,000,000 subscribed by the Government of the Chinese Republic).	

Chairman of the Board of Directors ANDRE BIENFAIT
General Manager E. J. PEARSON.

HEAD OFFICE:
74, Rue Saint-Lazare, PARIS.
BRANCHES:
PEKING,
SHANGHAI, SAIGON,
TIENTSIN, HAIPHONG,
HONGKONG, YUNNANFOU.

BANKERS:
In FRANCE: Société Générale pour favoriser le Développement du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.
In LONDON: London County Westminster & Parr's Bank Ltd. London Joint City & Midland Bank Ltd.
In NEW YORK: Redmond & Co.
Correspondents in the chief commercial centres of the world.

Telegraphic Address: CHIBANKIND.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Local Currency and in Gold. Terms on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Special facilities for French exchange.

M. ROUET DE JOURNEL, Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH: Queen's Buildings, 5, Chater Road. Tel. 1448

Hongkong, Sept. 25 1918. 12

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY)

ESTABLISHED 1824.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL	£ 100,000,000 = ($48,333,333)
PAID-UP CAPITAL	£ 70,000,000 = ($33,833,333)
RESERVE FUND	£ 13,760,286 = ($21,062,979)

HEAD OFFICE—AMSTERDAM.
Branches at
The Hague, Rotterdam.
HEAD AGENCY—BATAVIA.
Branches at

BANDJERMASIN,	RANGOON,
BANDOENG,	SAMARANG,
CHERIBON,	SHANGHAI,
DJEMBER,	SINGAPORE,
DJOKJAKARTA,	SOURABAJA,
KOTA RADJA,	SOERAKARTA (Solo)
MAKASSAR,	LONDON,
MEDAN,	THE HAGUE (Deli)
PADANG,	TEGAL,
PALEMBANG,	TELOK BETONG,
PEKALONGAN,	TJILIMAPAS,
PENANG,	WELTEVREDEN,
POENTIANAK,	

Correspondents at Bombay, Colombo, Madras, Pondicherry, Calcutta, Bangkok, Saigon, Haiphong, Hanoi, Amoy, Yokohama, Kobe, Melbourne, Sydney, New York, San Francisco, &c., &c.

LONDON BANKERS:—The Union of London and Smiths Bank, Limited.

The Bank buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, issues letters of credit on its Branches and Correspondents in the East, on the Continent, in Great Britain, America, and Australia, and transacts banking business of every description.

J. F. VAN EWEN, *Manager.*

Hongkong, Oct. 20, 1915.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL	£1,000,000
RESERVE FUND	£1,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS	£1,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and Colonial Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened, and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year, or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

T. C. DOWNING, *Manager.*

Hongkong, May 7, 1917.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital	£1,000,000.
Subscribed	£ 500,000.
Paid-up	£250,000.
Reserve Fund...	£250,000.

BANKERS.
BANK OF ENGLAND.
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

Every description of Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

C. L. SANDER, *Acting Manager.*

No. 7 Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 28 December, 1918.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE (FRENCH BANK).

HEAD OFFICE: 19bis Rue Laffitte, Paris.

Capital	Frs. 40,000,000
Reserves	,, 50,000,000

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES.

BANGKOK	HONGKONG	SAIGON
BATAVIA	MONGTZE	SHANGHAI
CANTON	NOUMEA	SINGAPORE
DJIBOUTI	PAPEETE	TOURANE
HAIPHONG	PEKING	TOURANE
HANKOW	PETIT-PERE	VLADIVOSTOK
HANOI	PONDICHERY	

BANKERS:
IN FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Crédit Industriel et Commercial; Société Generale.
IN LONDON: The National Provincial & Union Bank of England; Lloyds; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais.
IN NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan & Co.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangements.

Every description of Banking & Exchange Business transacted.

A. SIBE, *Acting Manager.*

Hongkong, Oct. 19, 1918.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LTD.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL...	Yen 100,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL... ...	,, 42,000,000
RESERVE FUND	,, 24,200,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES, ETC.

BATAVIA	NAGASAKI
BOMBAY	NEWCHWANG
BUENOS AYRES	NEW YORK
CALCUTTA	OSAKA
CHANGCHUN	PEKIN
DAIREN (DALNY)	RANGOON
FRESNILLO (MEXICO)	SAN FRANCISCO
HANKOW	SEATTLE
HONOLULU	SHANGHAI
HARBIN	SHIMONOSEKI
KAI-YUEN	SINGAPORE
KOBE	SOERABAYA
LONDON	SYDNEY
LOS ANGELES	TIENTSIN
LYONS	TOKIO
MANILA	TSINANFU
	TSINGTAU

Interest allowed on Current Accounts. Deposits received for fixed periods on rates to be obtained on application.

EIICHI ONO, *Manager.*

Hongkong, 12th Feb., 19.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE CO.,

AND

THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, Ltd.,

and

THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS ASSURANCE CO.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1918, £23,970,364.

I.—Authorised Capital £6,000,000	
Subscribed Capital £3,600,000	
Paid-up Capital	£2,437,500
II.—Fire Funds	3,537,747
III.—Life & Annuity Funds...	17,597,592
Sinking Fund Account ...	127,225
	£23,970,064
Revenue Fire Branch	£3,381,466
Life and Annuity Branches ...	2,141,273
Revenue Marine Department ...	337,236
Other Receipts	478,341
	£6,338,316

The Accumulative Funds of the various Branches are separately invested, and, by Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet the claims under the respective Departments of the Company's Business.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., *Agents.*

KAMUNING RUBBER.

The ninth annual general meeting of the Kamuning (Perak) Rubber and Tin Company, Ltd., was held on December 20 in London Mr. G. F. Trail (the chairman) presiding.

The Chairman said: With reference to the profit and loss account, you will see that the year's profit shows a market decrease on that of the previous year. The decrease is due to three causes—namely, reduced output, increased cost of production and the lower price obtained for our rubber. With regard to the first, our crop weighed out at 778,418 lbs. under the terms of the restriction of output scheme. The original estimate was placed at 935,000 lbs. As you were informed at the last general meeting, it had been decided to effect a change in the tapping system from two cuts to the more conservative one cut on a quarter of the tree, with a view to securing an eight years' bark renewal. In any case, the operation would have had the effect of causing a certain falling off of crop during the year. It was therefore considered opportune to make the change during the period of restricted output, and this has been done. It is confidently expected that it will prove most beneficial in the direction of improved bark renewal and cheaper cost of production, with little, if any, loss of crop in the future. The reduced crop naturally enhanced the cost of production, while all materials used in estate working, as well as freights, had much increased during the year. That the item of war risks insurance is lower is due to the fact that a larger proportion of our crop was sold for delivery in the East. This charge is now quite nominal, and will eventually disappear altogether. Finally, as you are aware, the past year has been by no means a satisfactory one as regards selling price. Rubber is perhaps the solitary example of an essential raw material selling during the war at below the average pre-war price, and this is evidenced by the figures now submitted, the price obtained for the year's crop being 2s. 1.25d, as compared with 2s. 7.90d in the previous year. After debiting the amount of £3,115 6s., being income-tax short recovered in respect of the year 1916-17, the total profit for the year amounted to £27,683 11s. 10d., which is increased to £28,809 3s. 2d by the addition of the carry forward from the previous year. The position of the rubber market is still somewhat obscure. There was, and still is, considerable difficulty in realising produce, and although for the year under review our liability for excess profits duty will be little, if any, there still remains outstanding a claim by the authorities for some £14,000 in respect of previous periods, part of which is in dispute. Having due regard, therefore, to the situation at the moment, your directors do not feel justified in recommending the distribution of a larger dividend than 6 per cent., being satisfied that the conservative policy of keeping in reserve an adequate working capital is in the best interests of the company.

WHAT SCIENTISTS THINK ABOUT THE CLASSICS.

One reason why Latin has been rather pooh-poohed is not only because it is dubbed drudgery, but because of the mediocre results from its study. But there should be no mediocre results. How any one can approach the tongues and literatures of the old Greeks and Romans with anything but enthusiasm passes comprehension; and yet there are people who do so approach this study. The past, they claim, has little to teach us, for we are twentieth-century people. What have we to do with bygone times and methods? The only thing that we need, they add, is a brand-new culture of our own.

This, of course, is a ridiculous standpoint, and yet William II asserted it in an address eight years ago when he declared:

We must educate young Germans and not young Greeks and Romans. We must depart from the basis which has stood for centuries, the monastic education of the Middle Ages, in which Latin was the standard, and a little Greek.

If nothing else, the issue of the war has taught us that the Emperor was wrong in this as in some other assumptions. They have been sent to the rear by the French, whose Minister of Public Instruction proclaimed three years ago:

Classical culture should remain the object of our ardent study, even if it were only for the reason that it has transmitted to French thought the greater part of the great ideas for which we are now fighting.

DESPONDENCY DUE TO CONSTIPATION.

WOMEN often become nervous and despondent. When this is due to constipation it is easily corrected by taking an occasional dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets are easy to take and pleasant in effect. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

BOATS DUE TO ARRIVE AND DEPART.

VESSELS DUE TO ARRIVE.

MARCH 3.
RIOJUN MARU, D. & Co., from Japan, with mail.

MARCH 6.
FUSHIMI MARU, N.Y.K., from Seattle, with mail.

MARCH 8.
ANYO MARU, T.K.K., from Valparaiso.

MARCH 10.
BORNEO MARU, D. & Co., from Java, with mail.
LAOMEDON, B. and S., from Liverpool.
BURYLOCHUS, B. & S., from Liverpool.

MARCH 18.
PROTESILAUS, B. and S., from Singapore.
NANKING, China Mail, from San Francisco, with mail.

MARCH 19.
TELEMACHUS, B. & S., from Liverpool.

MARCH 23.
PERSIA MARU, T.K.K., from San Francisco, with mail.
PELEUS, B. & S., from Liverpool.

MARCH 26.
HOKUTO MARU, D. & Co., from Java.

MARCH 29.
TELAMON, B. & S., from Liverpool.

DEPARTING VESSELS.

MARCH 2.
AFRICA MARU, O.S.K., for Victoria and Vancouver.

MARCH 5.
RIOJUN MARU, D. & Co., for Java.
SHINYO MARU, T.K.K., for San Francisco.

MARCH 11.
HYSON, B. and S., for London.
ATREUS, B. and S. for Liverpool.
EURYLOCHUS, B. & S., for Japan via Shanghai.
LAOMEDON, B. and S., for Japan.

MARCH 12.
BORNEO MARU, D. & Co., for Japan.

MARCH 13.
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, Canadian Pacific, for Vancouver.
HECTOR, B. & S., for Liverpool.

MARCH 17.
CHICAGO MARU, O.S.K., for Victoria and Vancouver.

MARCH 20.
TELEMACHUS, B. & S., for Japan via Shanghai.

MARCH 21.
ANYO MARU, T.K.K., for South America.

MARCH 22.
FUSHIMI MARU, N.Y.K., for Seattle.

MARCH 24.
PELEUS, B. & S., for Japan via Shanghai.

MARCH 25.
PYRRHUS, B. and S., for London.

MARCH 27.
NANKING, China Mail, for San Francisco.
PERSIA MARU, T.K.K., for San Francisco.

MARCH 29.
HOKUTO MARU, D. & Co., for Japan.

MARCH 30.
PROTESILAUS, B. and S., for Seattle.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Ltd., Hongkong, February 28, 1919:—

From	*Addresses*
Kagoshima	Kawaguchi Captain Mikuni.
Shanghai	Yeetai.
Shanghai	Cain Hongkong Hotel.
Shanghai	Soo Ching Saoukwanyuen 512 Shihtongtsuy.
Tokyo	Tongcheong.
Shanghai	Taramyook Bowah Co. Queen's Road.
Shanghai	Kienfung.
Amoy	McLorn Passenger S.S. Sunning.
Kobe	Stavrakoff Elburg.
Shanghai	Sandelson British Consulate.
Yokohama	Pasqier Hongkong Hotel.

T. KRING,
Acting Superintendent.

List of Unclaimed Telegrams lying in the E. E. Telegraph Office at Hongkong, February 27, 1919:—

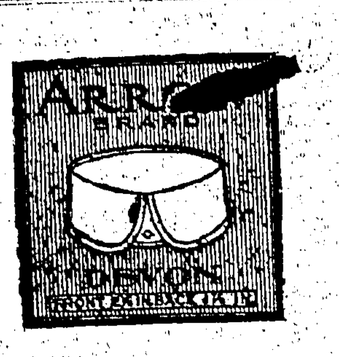
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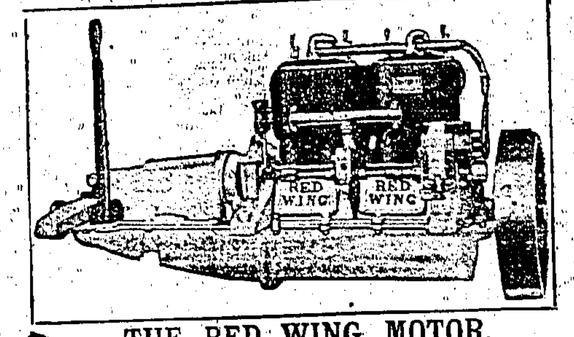
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Swatow and Bangkok—Per HUPEH, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy, Shanghai and North China—Per WENCHOW, 3 p.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per TEAN, 3 p.m.
Bangkok, Java and Port Moresby via Batavia—TJIKINI, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, March 5.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via San Francisco—Per SHINYO MARU, Registration 9.45 a.m., Letters 10.30 a.m.
Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via San Francisco—Per BINTUNG, Registration 5 p.m., March 6, Letters 8.30 a.m.

THURSDAY, March 6.
Haiphong—Per KAIFONG, 9 a.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per SUNNING, 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, March 7.
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